

## 1950

6<sup>th</sup> September 1950

9.8.08 Today, I, Frederick Chas. Edmund Anson opened this new school, the first part of which is costing about £80,000 and will be completed early in 1951. The 2<sup>nd</sup> part will follow at a later date.

The Contractors are Kingerleas [Kingerlee] Ltd of Oxford, and only the first phase of the first part is ready for occupation today. This consists of the classroom block, D.S. & girls' cloak-room wing & a small boys' lavatory on the first landing.

The Staff is as follows: -

2.7.05. Senior Mistress - Mrs B.L. Moore, who also takes some Needlework & English.

13.11.11 Senior Master & Maths – Mr R.C. Hart

26.8. 22 English – Mr G Gould B.A.

9.12.26 History – Mrs M. Barclay B.A.

30.3.23 Geography – Mr J.R. Allen

23.9.27 Art & Craft – Miss E. Bottrill

14.5.23 Boys' Physical Education – Mr R.G. Welsby

27.1.28 Girls' Physical Education – Miss J. Legge

30.10.24 Music – Miss J. Leinster

22.10.26 General Science – Mr T. Sanderson

7.3.24 Boys' Practical Subjects – Mr R.A. Howes

13.9.29 Girls' Practical Subjects – Miss C.P. Trickett

Extra Needlework (part-time) – Mrs M.A. Anson

The number on roll is approx. 304, 271 being present today, & 33 absent, 17 of these being Forest Hill children whose parents refuse to allow them to attend because no transport is provided for them on the dangerous main London Rd.

The approx. numbers of children transferred from the contributory schools are:

Forest Hill with Shotover 156 (Sandhills)

Wheatley 94

Stanton S. John 50

Others 4

Yesterday (Sept 5<sup>th</sup>) there was a staff meeting which all attended except Miss J. Leinster who has sprained her ankle. E.J. Dorrell Esq., Assistant Director of Education was also present. On Monday & Tuesday a number of the staff were present preparing the classrooms etc.

Dinners are temporarily being served in the classrooms, 234 were fed in two shifts divided equally. There are 6 canteen helpers. The bulk of the food is being prepared at Forest Hill with Shotover school & the rest at Wheatley Canteen.

8<sup>th</sup> Sept Miss Leinster returned to duty today.

12<sup>th</sup> E.J. Dorrell Esq & Mr Warren came to see the school today

15<sup>th</sup> Dr H.C. Jennings, School M.O.H. called today

20<sup>th</sup> Miss Leinster is absent today

21<sup>th</sup> [sic] Thame Show holiday. Parents meeting at Sandhills

22<sup>nd</sup> Miss Leinster returned to duty.

25<sup>th</sup> Sept. The Forest Hill 'strikers' commenced attendance today, they are being conveyed on the Stanton St John coach.

2<sup>nd</sup> October 3 children from Morland House [Children's Home] commenced attendance.

4<sup>th</sup> The Staff Common Rooms, staff cloakrooms. Library etc, were today handed over for our use.

9<sup>th</sup> A meeting of the Wheatley parents was held here this evening. Some 70 attended & general satisfaction was expressed in the running of the school, discipline etc. two parents, Mr A Wheeler & Mrs Walde were chosen to represent the village on a parents' committee.

16<sup>th</sup> Evening Classes commenced here tonight in the following subjects: Needlework (2 classes) enrolment of 43, Leatherwork 18, Ballroom dancing (2 classes) 41, Wireless maintenance 5. There was no demand for Drama & Choral society – this will come at a later date, but Cookery could have run had not Miss Trickett been drawn in to teach Needlework when the Cookery demand was very small.

21<sup>st</sup> The first Governors' Meeting was held here tonight, Capt. H.J. Pulle[i]n Thompson being elected Chairman. The Director of Education was also present. The Governors received a gift from the Wheatley Boys' Club, the ex-Army hut in the school grounds. This will immediately be moved & re-erected as a Pavilion on the sports field.

27<sup>th</sup> Miss Stanley Smith County Librarian came this morning and advised with regard to the library.

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. the annual N.U.T. refresher course was held at Littlemore, Northfields [sic] School, the following members of staff attended: Mrs Moore, Miss Legge, Mr Allen & myself. The school did not close on Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup>, but Friday was taken as a part of the mid term holiday.

6<sup>th</sup> Nov. Mid-term holiday.

7<sup>th</sup> The Marion Richardson style of hand writing (slightly modified) had been introduced compulsorily in the first two years, & for the bad writers in the third & fourth year.

9<sup>th</sup> Miss Moorhouse called today.

18<sup>th</sup> A most successful dance for school funds was held at Sandhills School this (Saturday) evening. It was organised by Mrs Moore & Mr Gould & the sum of £20. 5.0 was realised.

20<sup>th</sup> Miss Legge is absent through illness – the programme of work has been adjusted accordingly.

27<sup>th</sup> Miss Legge has jaundice & will be absent a further fortnight.

6<sup>th</sup> Dec. The parents' Committee met tonight & plans for raising school funds were discussed. The afterwards looked round the building & I gave a brief report on the term's work.

11<sup>th</sup> Miss Legge will not be returning to duty this term, owing to illness.

15<sup>th</sup> Miss Clark, Youth Organiser, talked to the leavers this morning.

14<sup>th</sup> I attended a meeting of Sec. Mod. School Hd. Masters at the Education Office this afternoon.

19<sup>th</sup> The School Christmas Party was held in the Assembly Hall today from 3 to 7.45 p.m., with tea in the Dining Room, in two shifts from 4 to 5.15 p.m. Funds for the party were provided by children who brought 1/- or more each, others brought cakes, jellies etc. the programme consisted of Games, dancing, (old-time & country) & a film show. The following Governors were present – Captain H.J. Pulle[i]n Thompson (Chairman) General Graham, Mrs Fane & the Rev. Wheeler.

20<sup>th</sup> Dec. A Carol Service of nine lessons was held in the Hall this morning, & was a great success. After break, an impromptu Concert deferred from yesterday's party, finished the morning. The school closed for the Xmas holiday, after the afternoon session.

## **1951.**

8<sup>th</sup> Jan. The school reopened this morning, all staff being present.

15<sup>th</sup> Miss Legge & Miss Trickett are absent through illness today. Mr Howes & Miss Leinster were involved in an accident on the way to school, [and] were taken to hospital & Mr Howes was detained. The time-table has been rearranged accordingly. Mrs Anson & Mrs Hart have come in for the day.

16<sup>th</sup> Miss Trickett returned to duty today. Mr Hart is away for medical examination at the Radcliffe hospital. Mrs Anson is on supply teaching for the day. Mrs Hart is remaining for the rest of the week.

A Governors' Meeting was held tonight in my study, which I took over on Monday, this week.

15<sup>th</sup> Mr Postgate, Div. Exec. Officer of the Newbury Division of Berkshire, the Chairman of the Division L.E.A. & the County Architect for Berkshire spent the day here.

16<sup>th</sup> Four 6<sup>th</sup> form girls & the Careers mistress from Holton Park Girls' Grammar School spent the afternoon here.

23<sup>rd</sup> Miss Legge returned to duty this morning. Mrs Hart is remaining until further notice Hoover's Ltd demonstrated a vacuum cleaner & electrical washing machine to the 4<sup>th</sup> year girls today.

24<sup>th</sup> A parents' Committee meeting was held tonight to discuss with the staff the arrangements for the Dance on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr Cox from the musical dept. of the L.E.A. is now spending Mondays & Tuesday mornings here to help with the music until Miss Leinster returns.

3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. A most successful Dance was held in the Assembly Hall tonight in aid of school funds. Some 400 were present, special buses being run from Headington & Beckley. Refreshments were in the hands of Mrs Walde & the parents who also gave the raffle prizes, etc. the gross takings amounted to over £68, & school funds benefited to the sum of. . .

5<sup>th</sup> February Mrs Moore is absent with influenza. Mrs Anson commenced morning teaching until Mrs Moore's return.

8<sup>th</sup> Mr Allen is absent with influenza.

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Mid Term holidays

14<sup>th</sup> Mrs Moore & Mr Allen returned to duty this morning. Miss Leinster & Mr Howes are still away, so Mrs Hart is continuing on supply duty.

19<sup>th</sup> Miss Leinster returned to duty today but as she has to attend Hospital for daily dressings, she does not arrive at school until 10.30 a.m.

21<sup>st</sup> A Parent's Committee meeting was held tonight at which future dance arrangements were discussed, special refreshments then followed.

26<sup>th</sup> Miss Bottrill is absent through illness this morning, the timetable has been rearranged to meet the new situation. Miss Leinster has now to attend a clinic 3 afternoons per week, so that she can spend very little time at school.

28<sup>th</sup> Feb. Mr Cox, piano, Mrs Folkard violin & Mrs Mitchell 'cello played piano trios in the hall to the whole school from 11.30 – 12.0 noon today.

7<sup>th</sup> March Another most successful dance was held in the Assembly Hall tonight – gross takings amounted to £50. 8. 9. & after expenses were paid £39. 6. 6 were added to school funds.

12<sup>th</sup> Miss A. Tilby a pupil at Holton Park Girls' Grammar school is spending the remainder of the term here on observation of teaching.

13<sup>th</sup> The fourth year boys & girls today visited the Nuffield Motor Works at Cowley on an educational visit which was greatly enjoyed.

19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> March Miss Legge is away on a course.

20<sup>th</sup> March. The School closed today for the Easter holiday.

4<sup>th</sup> April. The School reopened today, & Mr Howes returned to duty, having been absent since Jan 15<sup>th</sup>,

6<sup>th</sup> The Misses Rabley and Parfitt H.M.Is. [His Majesty's Inspectors] looked over the school this morning.

10<sup>th</sup> Miss Stevens, H.M.I. for Physical education came this morning to see the Girls Physical Education.

The final surfacing of the asphalt playgrounds was commenced this week. The shower baths are now in use by both girls and boys.

25<sup>th</sup> Mr Rogers, a Handicraft Master from Chipping Norton commenced temporary duty today to assist Mr Howes with outstanding major work which has been delayed through the latter's illness.

25<sup>th</sup> Mr Sanderson is absent today. A Governors' meeting was held tonight, the business included the condition of the playing field, glare and heat from the sun through the large windows, & the erection of wings etc on the stage, when the L.E.A. provides the necessary battens, etc.

26<sup>th</sup> Mr Sanderson returned to duty.

29<sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs & Colin Kitching gave a 2½ hour recital of American Folk music & songs to the whole school this morning.

8<sup>th</sup> May The first Annual School sports were held today, Wolfe House winning with 93 points, followed by Scott 70 Cook 69 Clive 45.

The weather was cold & showery & very good use was made by all of the new pavilion although in its unfinished state.

The inter-house shield was presented by Capt H.C. Pule[i]n Thompson M.C., Chairman of the Governors, supported by General Graham & Messrs Burton & Moss. The presentation was made in the Assembly Hall owing to the very inclement weather. There was an excellent attendance of parents & friends both from Wheatley & the Headington estates.

10<sup>th</sup> May. The first annual (?) School Outing was held today, a party of 181 children & 9 staff leaving Wheatley station at 8.25 a.m. & proceeding to Windsor by rail. There, the Castle was visited & after an alfresco dinner of sandwiches, we boarded "The queen of the Thames" at 2 p.m. for a trip to Runnymede Island & back, with an excellent tea on board the boat.

We returned to Windsor at 5 15 p.m. & caught the 5.50 train home (2 of the male staff unfortunately missed the train). Wheatley was reached at 8 p.m. after a most enjoyable day at the cost of 9/9 per child & 14/6 per adult.

11<sup>th</sup> May. The school closed today for the Whitsun holiday.

21<sup>st</sup> The school reassembled today for the first time with no workmen on the premises. The site is now clear of huts materials & machinery, & is being levelled & dug ready for seeding with grass.

The drainage of the lower part of the sports-field has been commenced by the local agricultural executive committee's machinery. Mr Welsby, P.E. specialist, has given notice to terminate his appointment owing to family circumstances.

11<sup>th</sup> June At a meeting of the House Committee today, 4 candidates were interviewed for the above P.E. post, a Mr I. Smith of Headington was appointed to it.

Miss Legge is absent for one day.

15th Mr Rogers is being sent elsewhere to teach Handicraft for one week from Monday next.

19th The Local D.S. teachers with H.M.I. Mrs Cooling are using the D.S. room for a fruit bottling demonstration today.

20th Miss Leinster has been called for in-patient hospital treatment today.

21st Mrs Hart commenced supply teaching.

22nd Mr Howes is away today & on Monday to take his wife to the North of England.

25th Mr Gould is away ill. Mr Welsby is away for an interview.

26th Mr Howes returned to duty.

27th Mr Welsby & Mr Gould returned today.

28<sup>th</sup> The School was officially opened by Mrs Hermione Hitchens.

Invitation cards were printed on the premises on the Adana Machine, recently purchased.

The weather was fine but cool – a very suitable day. Everything went off exactly to time & there were no hitches. Upwards of 500 parents & friends were present.

Congratulations were received from all present on the success of the afternoon – the Governors, members of the L.E.A. staffs of contributory schools & friends were entertained to tea in the administrative rooms, while some 350-400 used the Canteen dining hall.

A 'movie' film was made by the O Tan Co. Oxford, & this will be available for future exhibition at school functions.

30<sup>th</sup> June County Sports at the University Running Ground, Iffley Rd, Oxford, 14 children from the school competed but no-one was outstanding enough to be chosen for the County Team.

2nd July Miss Leinster returned to duty. Mrs Hart finished her supply teaching today.

6th Holiday to here to celebrate recent successes of the school.

10th Miss Stevens P.E. H.M.I. spent the afternoon with Miss Terry.

24th A staff v. school cricket match was held this afternoon, the staff winning by 58 runs vs 42.

25<sup>th</sup> An end of term concert was held in the hall run by Messrs Welsby & Sanderson this afternoon. Mr Welsby left today to teach P.E. in a Manchester Grammar School. & Mr Hart to re-join the Army as an education officer. The school closed at 3.40 p.m.

5<sup>th</sup> Sept The Autumn Term commenced. Mr I.T.R. Smith commenced duty as P.E. Master in place of Mr Welsby. Mr J.W. Babb commenced duty in a temporary capacity, taking R.I. & some music & singing. No on roll is 296.

Great Haseley school is now being [supplied] with dinners from this Canteen.

19th Miss Leinster is absent through illness.

20<sup>th</sup> Thame Show holiday.

21<sup>st</sup> Miss Leinster has been given leave of absence owing to family sickness.

24<sup>th</sup> Mrs Hart commenced duty as supply teacher.

25<sup>th</sup> Lady Helen Asquith & Miss McBride, both H.M.Is, spent the day here.

26<sup>th</sup> Two parties of H.M.Is., and Tutors in Women's Colleges who are having a course of Physical Education at St Hugh's Oxford, came this morning & afternoon to see the girls' P.E. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> years; 17 came before lunch & 8 afterwards & were greatly impressed.

27<sup>th</sup> The Oxford 'Theatre Players' performed 'The Romantic Young Lady' in aid of school funds, in the Hall this evening. Mr Gould produced, Miss Bottrill painted the scenery & most members of staff helped in a variety of ways. The performance was a great success.

28<sup>th</sup> Mr Howes has leave of absence today to fetch his wife & baby from the North of England.

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss Leinster returned to duty this morning – Mrs Hart finishing yesterday.

The Director of Education spent an hour here this morning. Governors' meeting tonight.

5<sup>th</sup> A party of forty children & staff journeyed by coach to Stratford on Avon today, visited Shakespeare's birthplace, Holy Trinity Church etc & went to the Theatre to see Henry IV Part 1. On the return journey the Rollright Stones were inspected.

6<sup>th</sup> A party of some 50 S. Oxon Teachers visited the school this afternoon.

19<sup>th</sup> Oct Mr I. Smith is absent today through illness (Mrs Hart substituted 22<sup>nd</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup> incl.)

23<sup>rd</sup> A party of Student Health Visitors went round this school today.

25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> General Election & mid-term holiday.

29<sup>th</sup> Mr Smith returned to duty. A meeting of a sub-committee of the Governors was held this afternoon to select successors to the Mises Legge & Leinster who are leaving at Xmas. This was followed by a House Committee meeting when the 1952-53 estimates were discussed and approved.

1<sup>st</sup> Nov The school was closed for a one day teachers' conference.

7<sup>th</sup> The school was broken into during the early hours, 2 windows were smashed but nothing was taken.

8<sup>th</sup> Two Culham students commenced a fortnight's teaching practice today.

13<sup>th</sup> Mr Howes returned to duty.

20<sup>th</sup> The School dentists started treatment here this morning.

17<sup>th</sup> Dec. the lower school Christmas Party held this afternoon & evening, the programme being Tea at 4.0 p.m. followed by a film show lasting for one hour, & then games until 7.15 when special buses took the children home.

18<sup>th</sup> The upper school party was similarly held today, more time being spent on dancing & the buses leaving at 7.45 p.m.

19<sup>th</sup> The annual carol service was held this morning & a variety concert this afternoon. The Misses Legge and Leinster left at the end of the afternoon session when the school closed for the Xmas holiday.

## 1952

9<sup>th</sup> Jan The school reopened today & the Misses Curtis & Woolf joined the staff.

4<sup>th</sup> Feb Miss Trickett is absent through illness

5<sup>th</sup> Miss Trickett returned to duty.

6<sup>th</sup> Feb King George VI died today, the school assembled before the afternoon session to hear the announcement & for a brief service.

11<sup>th</sup> Two Culham students, Messrs Morris & Robinson, commenced a fortnight's teaching practice today.

18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Mid Term holiday.

21<sup>st</sup> The second of the one day conferences for teachers was held here today, 6 of the staff attended, the rest, with the students, continued normal timetable.

14<sup>th</sup> March The Culham students completed their teaching practice today having been examined on Wed. 12<sup>th</sup>.

22<sup>nd</sup> The school was placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the City and County Cross Country race at Gosford Hill today, Holifield was placed 4<sup>th</sup> in order of finishing.

25<sup>th</sup> The Oxford Playhouse Dramatics School gave a show here this afternoon, it included 'Sunday costs five pesos', a play to be performed at the school concert.

1<sup>st</sup> April The Lady Helen Asquith, H.M.I., spent the morning here, seeing the work in general. This afternoon there was a dress rehearsal for the school show.

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> The 'Premiere' School show was held each evening at 7.30 p.m. about 100 children were in the castes [sic] of the various plays & mimes, & another 80 in the choir. About 130 stayed to tea at school each evening, thus spending some 13½ hours on the premises (the show finished at 10 p.m. All the staff helped with supervision, makeup etc, & we also had assistance from the Misses Cotton & Scraggs, Mesdames Hart & Gisbourne, & Mr Morris.

2 most successful evenings with excellent houses resulted in £17 being added to school funds.

4<sup>th</sup> April The school closed for the Easter holiday after this afternoon's session.

21<sup>st</sup> The school reopened today.

25<sup>th</sup> Miss Trickett is absent today only.

30<sup>th</sup> Mrs Moore left to teach in Oxford.

1<sup>st</sup> May A small subcommittee of the Governors appointed Miss D Masters to succeed Mrs Moore.



9<sup>th</sup> Mrs Hart commenced supply teaching for the rest of the term. Mrs Anson has taken all the needlework so far this month but now hands over the 'B & R' forms.

14<sup>th</sup> The school athletic sports were held this afternoon, the points order was as follows: -

Cooke 188      Wolfe 163

Scott 140      Clive 86

The weather was perfect & there was a good attendance of parents. The inter-house shield was presented by Alderman Tombs in the absence of the Chairman.

15<sup>th</sup> May The 3<sup>rd</sup> & final one day Teachers' Conference was held here today, The school was closed to allow 7 members of staff to attend.

16<sup>th</sup> Miss Woolf is absent with measles.

19<sup>th</sup> Mrs D Wright commenced supply duty. Swimming instruction started today, the timetable was adjusted accordingly.

29<sup>th</sup> The school closed at midday for the Icknield Area Athletic Sports at Dorchester. Our teams did remarkably well, winning both cups again by a wide margin:

Group I      Wheatley 34½ points

Dorchester 22 points

Group II      Wheatley 34 points

Gt Haseley 11 points

30<sup>th</sup> The school closed for the Whitsun holiday.

8<sup>th</sup> June The school reopened today – 2 Culham students commenced teaching practice.

10<sup>th</sup> Mr Babb is absent owing to the birth of an infant son. Miss Woolf returned to duty yesterday.

11<sup>th</sup> Mr Allen is absent through family bereavement.

17<sup>th</sup> Mr Allen returned to duty this morning.

19<sup>th</sup> Mr Babb is absent, sitting for his final examination & 20<sup>th</sup> a.m.

26<sup>th</sup> The students finished their teaching practice today.

23<sup>rd</sup> July The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Open Day this year was combined with the Prize Distribution by Miss Mary Field, O.B.E., M.A., Executive Officer of the Children's Film Foundation.

Everything went off according to plan, there being some 500 parents & visitors present. Tea was served to some 249 parents and others, & special transport at 1/- per head, from any of the estates or villages, ensured that no-one was prevented by distance from being present. 2 new flag poles on the roof of either end of the front block of buildings, were used for the first time.

25<sup>th</sup> The school closed for the summer holiday, Mrs Barclay left, & Mrs Hart completed temporary work.

9<sup>th</sup> Sept The school reopened, one day having been allowed extra for St Giles' Fair, 2 new lady teachers commenced duty: - Miss D Masters who is assisting with needlework & some Maths, & Miss E.M. Peirce, M.A., who joins the staff as History specialist in place of Mrs Barclay.

10<sup>th</sup> Miss A Collett has come for a fortnight's teaching practice particularly in Physical Education.

18<sup>th</sup> Sept The annual Thame Show holiday.

24<sup>th</sup> Miss Trickett is away at a one day Domestic Science Conference at Witney.

6<sup>th</sup> Oct Governors' meeting. H.M.I. Mr Windle spent the afternoon here, seeing Art & Craft & Handicraft.

7<sup>th</sup> H.M.I. Lady Helen Asquith spent the morning here.

18<sup>th</sup> Oct The first Autumn Dance.

24<sup>th</sup> (Parents' Committee Social on Oct 1<sup>st</sup>) The Annual General meeting of Parents & Teachers was held at 7.30 tonight – nearly 100 parents being present. The first hour was spent looking at the work in the classrooms, then followed the meeting when the Parents' Committee for the next 12 months was elected. After this. A film of school activities was shown & refreshments concluded the evening which finally closed at 10.15 p.m.

22<sup>nd</sup> A party of 40 children visited the Ballet (Sadler's Wells) at the New Theatre this afternoon.

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Nov Mid Term holiday

13<sup>th</sup> Miss Masters is absent at the Churchill Hospital today only.

14<sup>th</sup> Miss Trickett is absent through illness.

24<sup>th</sup> Miss Trickett returned to duty.

25<sup>th</sup> Miss Masters has to attend the Churchill Hospital for remedial treatment in the mornings for the next week or two, at irregular intervals – this morning is the first visit.

4<sup>th</sup> Dec A special meeting of the Governors was held this afternoon, at which the groundsman, Mr A.W. Morris was given notice to leave, at the end of the year.

16<sup>th</sup> Miss Masters' absences have been as follows, mornings on Nov 13, 21, 25, 28, Dec 2, 4, 10, 12, 16.

**1953** 7<sup>th</sup> Jan The school reopened after the Xmas holiday.

22<sup>nd</sup> The Lady Helen Asquith, H.M.I., spent the day here & Miss Wansborough, H.M.I. for school meals came in this afternoon.

29<sup>th</sup> Mr H. Sagar, H.M.I. for Physical Education, spent the morning here with Mr H. Starmer Smith.

7<sup>th</sup> Feb The Culham students (3) commenced final teaching practice here today for one month.

16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Mid-term holiday.

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> March Miss Masters absent through illness.

21<sup>st</sup> The County Cross Country Championship was held here this morning. The School finished 4<sup>th</sup>.

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> The School Dramatic Society produced 'Arms and the Man' - 2 evening performances were given to good audiences & the show was greatly appreciated. Most of the school governors, & Lady Helen Asquith, H.M.I., were present. Mr Howes is away on a Handicraft course all this week.

26<sup>th</sup> An 'Elite' 60 egg incubator was started up today.

27<sup>th</sup> The school closed for the Easter holiday – Miss Curtis leaving us to be married.

13 April School reopened today, Mrs Hart temporarily filling the vacancy caused by Miss Curtis' resignation.

30<sup>th</sup> Miss Peirce is absent through illness.

7<sup>th</sup> May The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Athletic Sports were held this afternoon in perfect weather conditions. Wolfe house won the inter-house challenge shield which has this year been presented by Mr B. Torrens Burton & Tuner's Motors Ltd of which firm Mr Burton is a Director.

After the presentation of the shield Mr Fane, Chairman of the now defunct Boys' Club, officially handed over the pavilion built from the materials of the club hut. A wooden plaque has been fixed inside the pavilion to commemorate the occasion.

11<sup>th</sup> May Miss Peirce returned to duty today.

19<sup>th</sup> the Icknield Area Sports were held here today in fair weather. The school again won the major awards, viz: -

Group I            aggregate

Group II           aggregate

We also won the 2 Challenge Cups presented by the L.E.A. in commemoration of the Coronation, there were awarded for the highest number of points for boys & girls respectively in Group I.

20<sup>th</sup> The Australian touring team is at Oxford, playing the University & 23 boys & 2 Masters have gone to watch.

22<sup>nd</sup> The school closed today for the Whitsun & Coronation holidays.

2<sup>nd</sup> June The Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the second. The school was on holiday, but the canteen was used for the service of tea to about 170 children between the ages of 7 and 15 years, & the playground field was, by special permission of the Governors, used for children's and adult sports in the evening. The weather was unfortunately cold and miserable, & the events were curtailed.

4<sup>th</sup> School reopened.

12<sup>th</sup> The Boys' Athletics team had a match v Margaret Road School this afternoon, losing with 79½ points to 84½ points after a very enjoyable game.

16<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> The School outings took place – Upper School on Tuesday, Lower on Friday, some 190 children availing themselves of a trip to London to see the Coronation decorations followed by a launch journey from Westminster Pier to below Greenwich Naval College, which lasted nearly 2 hours. The Tuesday outing was marred by rain, for most of the day, but on Friday the weather was fine though dull, & the river trip with a loud speaker commentary, was particularly enjoyable. There were no ‘incidents’ & the total cost was 8/- per head.

27<sup>th</sup> County Sports on the University Running Track, the school had many competitors representing the Icknield Area. C. Avery in the Group 2 high jump created a new record of 4 ft. 7. ins., & G. Puffet was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the [blank].

29<sup>th</sup> Mr R Gray commenced 4 weeks teaching practice.

5<sup>th</sup> July Miss Masters is absent for a music examination.

As will be seen from the Visitors’ Book, many people have been to look around the school during the latter part of the term.

15<sup>th</sup> July Open Day & the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Prize distribution. The usual pattern of organisation was followed & everything went with a swing.

21<sup>st</sup> H.M.Is. Lady Helen Asquith & Mr C. Windle spent the day here, the former seeing the work in general & the latter the Art, Craft & Handicraft. The Entrance Hall has received particular attention this term, there being special floral decorations, art, craft & wood-work exhibits & school photographs, all of which were of great interest to visitors in general.

24<sup>th</sup> School closed for the summer holiday & Mrs Hart finished her term of supply teaching.

8<sup>th</sup> Sept The school reopened after the summer holiday, the roll being 298. Miss C. Jones has joined the staff taking Physical Education in place of Miss Curtis who left at Easter.

17<sup>th</sup> Holiday for Thame Show.

25<sup>th</sup> Mr Allen and I visited Llanfairfechan, N. Wales to make arrangements for next year’s educational visit.

29<sup>th</sup> Miss Masters is absent through illness.

30<sup>th</sup> Mrs Cooling, H.M.I, spent the afternoon here examining Domestic Science and Needlework. A party of 30 health visitors also looked round the school. The autumn meeting of the Governors was held this evening.

19-30<sup>th</sup> Three Culham students are here for a fortnight’s teaching practice. The work of making curtains & of putting up extra curtain rods etc for the blacking out of the assembly hall has commenced. The whole cost is being borne by school funds and all the work is being done by the Handicraft & Needlework departments of the school. The cost being:

Curtain materials: £49.17.6

Rods, rings etc £10.3.9

Total £60.0.3

- As against the lowest outside quotation of £90

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mid-term holiday.

19<sup>th</sup> Nov The Annual Parents' meeting was held tonight 7.30 – 8.30 p.m. Classrooms open for inspection 8.30 p.m. Annual General Meeting & election of 1953-54 Committee followed by demonstrations with the tape recorder, & on the use of new stage props, concluding with the school film. The first of the new blackout curtains was also on show, in position.

The evening concluded with tea & biscuits, about 120 parents being present.

Dec 16<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> The Annual Xmas Parties were held, Lower School on the 1<sup>th</sup>, Upper on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Tea was at 4 p.m., followed by Fancy Dress & Dancing Competition & Games. The evenings concluded with the films 'The Wooden Horse' ending at about 8 p.m. 14 Governors & friends were present on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day, as well as most of the ladies of the Parents' Committee.

18<sup>th</sup> Dec The school closed for the Xmas holiday

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11<sup>th</sup> Jan School reopened, Miss Masters is absent with tonsillitis, & Mrs Hart is supply teaching.

16<sup>th</sup> The Theatre Players put on 'An Ideal Husband' by Oscar Wilde this evening - some £12 being made for school funds.

19<sup>th</sup> The Lady Helen Asquith spent the morning here, particularly discussing examinations in Sec. Mod. Schools.

21<sup>st</sup> Mr Babb was involved in an accident on the way to school, running into a wall with his bicycle. After medical treatment, I took him home.

22<sup>nd</sup> Mr Babb is absent.

25<sup>th</sup> Mr Babb returned to duty.

9<sup>th</sup> Feb. Miss Wolfe was absent for the day through illness.

10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Mr Sanderson was absent

12<sup>th</sup> We today purchased a second-hand epidiascope for £20 from school funds.

17<sup>th</sup> Miss Stevens, H.M.I. for P.E. came in to see the girls this afternoon.

18<sup>th</sup> Miss Kreisel from Toronto lectured on 'Canada' to the whole school. She also showed a film.

24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Mr Sanderson absent through illness

3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> March Mrs Gould ditto.

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Miss Woolf called home through family illness

9<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Mr Allen ditto

15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Mr Sanderson absent through illness.

18<sup>th</sup> March The film 'Henry V' was shown this morning in the hall to the school & to 130 girls from Holton Park Girls' Grammar School & 60 boys from New College School – the hire cost being shared. Both the sound and the brightness of the pictures were excellent.

26<sup>th</sup> March The school team in the Top of the Form Competition at Risinghurst Community Centre were again runners up for the Silver Challenge Cup – for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year running.

27<sup>th</sup> The County Cross Country Race was again run here, Temple Cowley being first, Oxford High second and Oxford Technical third. We finished fifth.

31<sup>st</sup> 'Encore', the second large production of Play, Mime & Song was held in the Assembly Hall on the nights of 31<sup>st</sup>-1<sup>st</sup>, about 200 children being involved. The size of the programme prohibits its being inserted into this log-book, but is kept in a separate file.

Special buses for parents were run – 2 on the 1<sup>st</sup> evening, & 3 on the second. Some 250 people saw the show on the first night & over 300 the second.

13<sup>th</sup> April The school closed for the Easter holiday

26<sup>th</sup> The school reopened.

12<sup>th</sup>&13<sup>th</sup> May Oxfordshire Agricultural Show at Kidlington. The school put on a special display of Drama, costume jewellery, stage settings, etc, which was very effective.

12<sup>th</sup> Miss Masters is absent through illness.

20<sup>th</sup> Mrs Hart commenced supply teaching duty.

24<sup>th</sup> Mr Gould is absent with a displaced disc in his back.

27<sup>th</sup> Miss Masters returned to duty.

28<sup>th</sup> May Interviews for 2 staff vacancies, Miss Woolf is absent through family illness & bereavement.

1<sup>st</sup> June The school closed for the Whitsun holiday.

14<sup>th</sup> The school reopened – Mr Gould & Miss Woolf returned to duty.

11<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> June – School Educational Visit to

## NORTH WALES

The Party:

Staff: - Mr F.C.E. Anson

Mr J.R. Allen

Miss C. Jones

Children: 20 boys & 18 girls

Prefects: consisting of 3 4<sup>th</sup> year boys & 3 4<sup>th</sup> year girls

The remainder were 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> year boys & girls & 1 1<sup>st</sup> year boy,

The party left Oxford station at 9.50 a.m. & arrived Llanfairfechan 4.54 p.m., returning the following Friday at approximately the same time.

Address of boarding house: Mr J.H. Gaynor  
Stanley House  
Promenade  
Llanfairfechan, N. Wales

Visits were made to:

Aber Waterfall  
Snowdon (walk down)  
Caernarvon & Beaumaris Castles  
Power Station & Aluminium Works at Dolgarrog  
Woollen Mill at Trefriew  
Swallow Falls Bet[twys-y-Coed]  
South Stack Lighthouse

All attended the English Methodist Chapel on the Sunday morning. Many went bathing daily, the weather was good.

The cost per head was just over £5 – the school subsidised to the extent of just over £13.

A most successful visit & all returned safely without mishap.

23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> June Miss Trickett is absent owing to the death of her Father.

29<sup>th</sup> The L. Phil. Orchestra gave a concert in Thame Parish Church this afternoon which was attended by 36 children, Mr Babb and myself.

6<sup>th</sup> July Area H.M.I. Sager and Staff H.M.I. Major visited us this morning to see the boys' Physical Education, & expressed complete satisfaction.

13<sup>th</sup> Kings Sutton Parent-Teachers' Association visited the school this evening & were shown round by myself & the two senior assistants.

16<sup>th</sup> Some 300 children from all over the south of the county attended here today for a musical festival conducted by –

21<sup>st</sup> The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Day & prize distribution by the Lady Lenanton.

23<sup>rd</sup> July The school closed for the summer holiday – Miss Peirce has left to go to Canada.

7<sup>th</sup> Sept The school reopened today, with a roll of 350 – 132 children of 1<sup>st</sup> year age being admitted.

The organisation now is:

1A    1B    1C    1R

2A    2B    2R

3A    3B

4A    4B

Garsington, Horspath & Cuddesdon 11+ children admitted for the first time.

Miss A. has joined the staff in place of Miss Peirce, & Miss J. Wilkinson takes the new form – 1C.

16<sup>th</sup> Thame Show holiday.

22<sup>nd</sup> Stuart Gore lectured to the first year on Australia, illustrating his talk with a coloured film.

27<sup>th</sup> The second flower arrangement course was held today, some 20 teachers from all over the County attended.

6<sup>th</sup> Oct A coachload of athletes attended a lecture at Thame this afternoon.

11<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Herr Wilmsen of Kleve, S.W. Germany, Headmaster of a large primary school is here for 3 weeks to learn of our educational system, institutions, etc.

15<sup>th</sup> Mr Howes today is attending a course on the maintenance of the ciné projector at Northfield School.

21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Gould is attending the W.R.A.C. Centre at Guildford to see the conditions in that organisation with regard to encouraging recruitment.

21<sup>st</sup> Mr Babb took 3 girls to the English Festival of Church Music at the Albert Hall today.

16<sup>th</sup> The Theatre players, directed by Mr Gould produced 'Deep are the Roots' tonight, in aid of school funds.

25<sup>th</sup> I took Herr Wilmsen to London on a sightseeing expedition.

26<sup>th</sup> I took Herr Wilmsen to Culham College for lunch & to have a look round.

27<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> year girls attended a mannequin parade at Holton Park School.

28<sup>th</sup> The Annual Parents' meeting was held tonight, there being an attendance of some 140 – the programme followed the usual pattern & was most successful.

29<sup>th</sup> Herr Wilmsen departs today after a very comprehensive study of our educational system.

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov Mid-term holiday,

9<sup>th</sup> Nov The Oxfordshire Boy Scouts' Association held a Scouters evening here attended by some 250 members from all over the County, Berks & Bucks.

27<sup>th</sup> A Women's Institute Drama festival was held here today from 2.0 to 10.0 p.m.

6<sup>th</sup> Dec Lady Helen Asquith spent the Afternoon here.

11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Mrs Galbraith absent with an injured leg.



13<sup>th</sup> Dec The Lower school Xmas Party was held tonight, tea was served at 4 p.m., games were at 4.30 till 6 p.m. & included a Fancy Dress Parade & dancing. Then followed the film 'No Highway', the evening ending at 7.45 p.m. Special transport was arranged as required.

14<sup>th</sup> The Upper School party was held today & followed similar lines.

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5<sup>th</sup> Jan The school reopened today, Mrs Galbraith being absent with an injured knee.

10<sup>th</sup> Mrs D. Wright of 43 Stanway Road Headington is doing supply teaching in place of Mrs Galbraith.

12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Student Health visitors gave lessons on Baby Care & Baby foods to the 4<sup>th</sup> year Girls.

26<sup>th</sup> With the Teachers' Panel for School Buildings, I today visited the new S. Crispin's School, Wokingham, to study how it has been planned, with a view to using the idea when new schools are planned in this County.

28<sup>th</sup> The Governors met at 2.30 p.m. today, the waterlogged condition of the playing field being discussed, as was the provision of teachers' houses on the waste ground near the main gates.

4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> February Miss Brock is absent ill.

9<sup>th</sup> Mrs Wright finished supply teaching.

11<sup>th</sup> Mrs Galbraith returned to duty. 3 Culham students commenced 5 weeks final teaching practice.

17<sup>th</sup> I attended the term's meeting of Sec. Mod. Headmasters at the Education Office.

15<sup>th</sup> Miss Woolf is absent through illness.

21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb Mid-term holiday.

1<sup>st</sup> March Mr Alington, Staff H.M.I. for Drama, spent the morning here with Lady Helen Asquith seeing drama throughout the school, with a view to holding a short course here in the near future.

8<sup>th</sup> Dr Bothwell, Assistant County M.O.H. spent the morning here giving skin tests for B.C.G. [Bacillus Calmette-Guérin against tuberculosis] vaccination to the 13-14 year age group.

11<sup>th</sup> Vaccination of 43 out of the 50 children tested was carried out.

22<sup>nd</sup> Medical inspection of Easter & Summer leavers.

29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> The Fourth Annual School Show at 7.30 p.m. in both evenings, some 220 boys and girls & all the staff being involved in 2 plays, 2 mimes & the choir. Most of the Governors, the Assistant Director and a large number of parents & friends attended, the hall being practically full on the Thursday evening & 6 coaches & various taxis being required to take parents & children home.

1<sup>st</sup> April The school closed for the Easter holiday this afternoon. Mrs Gould, Miss Woolf & Mr I. Smith left the staff.

18<sup>th</sup> The school reopened with 3 new members of staff – Mr A. Sternberg Art and Craft, Mrs D. Wright Retarded Class & Mr J. Cutter boys' Physical Education.

20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Wright is absent through illness.

26<sup>th</sup> Miss Jones has gone into hospital for a tonsillectomy operation.

27<sup>th</sup> Mrs Gould commenced duty as supply teacher.

12<sup>th</sup> May The Lady Helen Asquith, H.M.I., & Mr. W.W. Shepherd spent the day here discussing the Religious Education in all its aspects.

18<sup>th</sup> The School Sports due to have been held today were cancelled owing to inclement weather including snow!

20<sup>th</sup> A party of some 120 children and 6 staff visited Southampton Docks today.

25<sup>th</sup> Area Sports at Watlington – the school again won the Group I & group II cups, and the Coronation Cup for the highest number of points in the Group I boys.

27<sup>th</sup> The school closed for the Whitsun holiday.

6<sup>th</sup> June The school reopened – Miss Jones returned to duty, Mrs Gould having finished supply teaching on May 27<sup>th</sup>

10<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> School Educational visit to North Wales - Llanfairfechan. Staff - Mr F.C.E. Anson, Mr J.R. Allen & Mrs E. Gould.

Children: 19 boys & 18 girls. The party this year was a cross-section through the school – there being 4 boy prefects and 2 girls.

We left Oxford station at 10 a.m. & on account of the strike, travelled via Bletchley & Crewe, reaching Llanfairfechan at 5.30 p.m.

A similar programme to last year was followed, except that Snowdon was climbed and not descended & Llandudno was visited instead of Beaumaris castle.

The boarding house was as last year but the food was better cooked & served, being much appreciated by us all. The cost per head was just over £3 for board, rail fare £1.2.7½. Coach hire for 4 days £27, Snowdon mountain railway 6/8 per head, various admissions & fares.

The weather was good and all had an enjoyable and instructive time. The rail strike ended on the 14<sup>th</sup> so that we were able to travel home by the normal route, arriving Oxford Station at 4.45 p.m.

20<sup>th</sup> I attended a meeting at Culham College this afternoon at which the whole field of Rural Education was discussed.

28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> The first General Inspection of the school, The Lady Helen Asquith, H.M.I., assisted by L.C. Comber, Esq., H.M.I., being here for the full 3 days and examining Maths, English, History, Geography, Science and Music. Visiting H.M.Is during the 3 days included Miss Rambould – Art & Craft, Mrs Cooling Needlework & Dom. Science, Mr Sagar – Boys' Physical Ed., Mr Dove – Handicraft & Miss Wandsborough – School meals.

On Thursday at noon 3A girls entertained the Inspectorate, Mr Allen, Senior Master, Miss Brock, Senior Mistress & myself to lunch in the Domestic Science Room. At 2.15 a meeting of the, the Governors, the Director of Education & myself, was addressed by Lady Helen Asquith on the school in general. Afterwards all were entertained to tea in the Senior Assistant's room.

4<sup>th</sup> July I attended the funeral of Mr A.H.A. Dodd, a Governor of this school.

4<sup>th</sup>&5<sup>th</sup> Lady Helen Asquith visited the school to discuss matters of subject teaching with the staff in charge of the various departments of the school. She also inspected 'Fair View' a house up the Old Road, Shotover, which the committee has recently bought for staff accommodation.

6<sup>th</sup> The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual School Sports were held this afternoon in brilliant weather. A goodly number of parents were present. The Turner's Motors Shield was won by Clive 113 points, Wolfe 101, Scott 70 & Cook 66 points.

13<sup>th</sup> A lecturer from the International Wool Secretariat spoke to the Upper school this afternoon.

18<sup>th</sup> Miss J. Kent, a student from S, Gabriel's College commenced one week's teaching practice today.

19<sup>th</sup> I attended the official enquiry into the nuisance caused by a Bone and Meal factory in the Old Brick works, today.

20<sup>th</sup> Open Day – held in glorious weather & a great success – some 300 – 400 parents & friends being present. A pleasing feature was the ornamental fountain playing in the Quadrangle.

22<sup>nd</sup> End of term – Mr Sanderson left the staff after 5 years, his place has been taken by Mr Barker.

6<sup>th</sup> Sept The school re-opened after the summer holiday, the children from Great Milton being admitted for the first time.

The roll is, and the organisation:

1A    1B    1C    1R

2A    2B    2C    2R

3A    3B    3C

4A    4B

Mrs M. Pegg has joined the staff to take 2R, & Mrs Cox of Thame will come in next week to take 1C. In the meanwhile, Mrs Webster is deputising for her.

Mr Cutter is in hospital for a cartilage operation & Mrs Gould is taking his classes.

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Miss Williams absent.

12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> [Blank]

15<sup>th</sup> Holiday for Thame Show,

22<sup>nd</sup> A 1 day Course on Chutney & Pickles was held in the D.S. room today.

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Oct Mrs Wright absent through illness.

11<sup>th</sup> The Simplicity fashion house held a mannequin display of Teenage frocks etc in the Assembly Hall this afternoon.

24<sup>th</sup> Mr Cutter returned to duty, & Mrs Gould finished her supply work last Friday.

31<sup>st</sup> Oct & 1<sup>st</sup> Nov Mid-term holiday

2<sup>nd</sup> Nov The Film 'Great Expectations' was shown to the whole school this morning.

14<sup>th</sup> Hutchings & Green, Contractors of Oxford, today commenced work on the new class-room block.

22<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Galbraith is away for 1 day with a throat infection.

30<sup>th</sup> A party of 30 children went to the matinee performance at the New Theatre, of the Festival Ballet Co.

1<sup>st</sup> Dec 4B visited Hunt & Broadhurst works this afternoon. Since yesterday, mid-day, Mrs Webster has substituted for Mrs Cox who is absent through family sickness.

10<sup>th</sup> The Annual Xmas Dance was held tonight – a profit of some £85 being made towards the swimming pool fund. A grand Xmas Draw also took place, there being over 30 prizes each valued at £1 - £2, all given by parents. Again, the sum of £103.12.9 gross was raised towards the above fund.

The actual hole was dug out in September by an Allen 'back actor' machine, the waste & feed pipes are laid & the walls of the bath shored up with old corrugated iron pending the coming of spring.

19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> The Annual Xmas Parties were held, approx. 450 children, Governors, Staff, Caretakers & Parents' Committee being entertained to tea. This was followed by games & a fancy dress parade. The lower school then had 3 films from the National Children's Film Foundation & finished with dancing, the Upper school saw the 'Third Man' & their festivities went on till nearly 9.0 p.m.

The total cost of the parties was £43.14.0 & this included extra transport, etc., towards this the children donated £17.16.0, the remainder coming from school funds. A quantity of jellies & groceries etc., was also given.

21<sup>st</sup> End of term. Mr Cutter left the staff to teach at Wimbourne Dorset, & Mrs Pegg to go to Woodeaton Manor E.S.N. [educationally subnormal] School.

## **1956**

9<sup>th</sup> Jan School reopened. Mrs Gould rejoined the staff & Mrs Webster came in on a temporary basis.

23<sup>rd</sup> Mr Babb is absent through illness & so is Miss Jones.

24<sup>th</sup> Mrs Bilsland from Waterperry is doing supply duty.

25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> I was absent with Influenza.

25<sup>th</sup> Also last Wednesday 2 student nurses gave demonstrations of baby care & personal hygiene to the 4<sup>th</sup> year girls.

30<sup>th</sup> I returned to duty.

31<sup>st</sup> Miss Jones returned to duty.

1<sup>st</sup> Feb Mr Babb returned to duty but Mrs Webster is absent through family sickness.

2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Cox's mother has died and she will be absent this afternoon & until after the funeral.

6<sup>th</sup> Miss Jones and Mrs Wright are absent & Mrs Cox is still away.

9<sup>th</sup> Mrs Wright returned to duty.

10<sup>th</sup> Mrs Cox returned to duty.

20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Mid-term holiday.

22<sup>nd</sup> Miss Jones still absent so Mrs Bilsland is on supply duty.

6<sup>th</sup> March Miss Jones returned to duty.

14<sup>th</sup> H.M.Is. The Lady Helen Asquith & Elliott spent the day here.

20<sup>th</sup> The swimming pool which was dug out last Autumn by an excavator is still much in the condition it was. No concrete base can be laid until the bottom is dry & despite all our efforts water keeps percolating in.

22<sup>nd</sup> H.M.I. Miss Rambeau [Rambault] spent the morning here inspecting the Art and Craft.

22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> The Annual Show at 7.30 p.m., the programme consisting of 'The Mock Doctor' – Molière, 'The Bells' & an old time Music Hall.

There was an excellent attendance particularly on the second evening when the hall was practically full. The gross takings were £72.15.2 but the expenses of the transport here, of equipment & costumes etc, brought the net profit down to - .

This was unfortunately Mr Gould's last show – it was also his most ambitious & was hailed by all as his best.

28<sup>th</sup> March The school closed for the Easter holiday. Miss Wilkinson & Mrs Cox left the staff.

16<sup>th</sup> April The school reopened. Mr Green – boys' Phys. Ed. & Miss Smith – lower school history & English, joined the staff.

19<sup>th</sup> April B.C.G. vaccination for the 14+ age group. The swimming pool pit is now clinkered & levelled & will soon be ready to receive a 9' depth of concrete – precast & delivered to site.

25<sup>th</sup> Sq Ldr AR Munday of the R.A.F. lectured & showed films to the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> year boys this afternoon.

30<sup>th</sup> Miss Davies, a D.S. student from Gloucester T.C. commenced 5 weeks teaching practice here today.

9<sup>th</sup> May County Agricultural show at Kidlington. A party of 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> year boys went, accompanied by myself & 2 male members of staff.

Work on the new classroom block is proceeding apace. Last week the ceilings & roof were laid & the fitting of central heating, electricity & water commenced. The plasterers will begin next week.

The old greenhouse has been dismantled & a new one 8' x 6' erected at the end of the new block. We bought this from Mr Barker, Science Master, for £7 & we found the glass, putty & brick foundation.

14<sup>th</sup> May Mrs Webster is absent through family illness today.

15<sup>th</sup> Mrs Webster returned to duty.

18<sup>th</sup> Whitsun holiday commenced.

28<sup>th</sup> Whitsun holiday terminated.

22<sup>nd</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May Visit to Interlaken by 30 boys & girls accompanied by Mr Gould & Misses Brock & Jones. The cost was approx. £24 per head, inclusive of coach fare to & from London & Wheatley, & all excursions. A grant of £60 was made towards the total cost, from the special activities fund.

7<sup>th</sup> June Area Sports – postponed owing to rain

11<sup>th</sup> Three Culham students, Tong, Hull & Ayu (?) commenced 5 weeks teaching practice today.

Area Sports at Thame. The usual teams were entered & ran well. The results were not so pleasing as in previous years. Only one trophy came back to Wheatley – the Group I Girls cup for the highest number of points.

15<sup>th</sup> outing to Portsmouth by 69 children & 6 staff.

25<sup>th</sup> Outing to Hampton Court via Bourne End to Windsor by steamer, tea at Hampton Ct. Coach tour for an hour & return via Windsor station & rail home. Fare 14/3. An excellent day out in perfect weather,

4<sup>th</sup> July The County Sec. Schools musical festival was held here this afternoon – some 250 visiting children taking part.

5<sup>th</sup> The Annual School Sports

19<sup>th</sup> Open Day - a fine day but the ground was too slippery from recent rain, for the Physical Education Display. Some 500 visitors were present.

At the close of the proceedings Mr Gould, who leaves at the end of term, was presented with an 'Equipoise' reading lamp & a cheque for over £12 from the Governors, staff & present and ex pupils.

24<sup>th</sup> July The school closed for the summer holiday.

5<sup>th</sup> Sept The school reopened with a roll of 406 & Mr H.D. Hodgson replacing Mr Gould, & Mr H. Tong [starting] as second science & gardening master.

The new classroom block of 3 rooms & greenhouse is occupied although the carpenters & painters are still completing the doors & fittings.

28<sup>th</sup> Sept Mrs J. Clements who has been School Secretary since the opening in 1950, has resigned & leaves today. She has been presented with a travelling clock by the staff.

1<sup>st</sup> October Mrs A. Evans, wife of Mr R. Evans, Headmaster of Wheatley Primary School, commenced duty as School Secretary today.

12<sup>th</sup> Mrs D.E. Heath, Canteen/Caterer & Cook, has retired today at the age of 63. She also was presented with a clock from the staff & children.

Mr L.C. Clements, Groundsman, left today.

25<sup>th</sup> The Annual Parents' Evening took place tonight, some 150 coming from all areas to see the children's work, & attend the General Meeting. Mr L. Levy, Youth Employment Officer, spoke on 'From School to Work'. He also showed the film 'Jack of what trade.'

2<sup>nd</sup> Nov Eight girls & 4 boys today started the first part of the 'Test of Achievement' - an examination for those in their last year at school in 'A' forms. As this is the first occasion, the basic five subjects are being taken. These are Maths, English, General Knowledge, Physical Attainment Expedition, Woodwork or Domestic Science or Needlework.

Nov 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Mrs Galbraith absent through illness. The Tests of Achievement are now finished, marked & sent to the assessors for their final comments.

Nov 28<sup>th</sup> The first accident to happen outside the school gates & which involved a boy coming to school, occurred this morning when Caddick in 3A was run into by Mrs Preston of Littleworth. She was cycling at a fast speed past the school & collided with him, he was unhurt but she had to be taken to hospital by ambulance suffering from bruises, abrasions, shock, & a possible cracked femur.

The school collection for the Hungarian fund was £6.11.0.

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> W.I. [Women's Institute] County Drama Festival was held this evening.

10<sup>th</sup> Today I visited the Royal Engineers Apprentices' School at Malta Barracks, Aldershot, to inspect the facilities & the training given to boys who wish to make the Army their career. I was accompanied by the Youth Employment Officer (Mr Levy) & other Headmasters.

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Dec The usual Xmas Parties were held in the evenings of these days & went with a swing. Tea was served in the gaily decorated Canteen Dining Room & consisted of meat sandwiches, mixed cakes, fruit jellies, ice cream etc. Games & dancing followed in the hall & the film 'The Happiest Days of your life' brought very successful evenings to a close.

The total cost was £53.0.0 towards which the children paid £17.10.0 @ 1/- each, the remainder coming from school funds.

15<sup>th</sup> The Annual Xmas Dance was held tonight (Saturday). Ricky Derges Band provided the music & the admission was 4/6 beforehand, 5/- at the door & 5/6 with transport from Headington.

It was a very successful effort, the net proceeds being £60 - - which was added to the school funds.

19<sup>th</sup> Dec Mr Babb organised a Concert of Carols & Christmas music tonight, with a choir of 180 children & the Adult Choir Society. The occasion was marred by foggy weather which kept many people at home & by the late arrival of a coachload of the audience, who missed approx. half of the show – others also were left behind & rang up several times to enquire where the coach had got to.

However, a very ambitious programme was carried through & it was much enjoyed by all.

17<sup>th</sup> Wheatley Primary School held their Xmas Party in the Hall & Dining Room this afternoon.

20<sup>th</sup> A shortened Carol service of 9 lessons was held this afternoon, after which the school closed for the Xmas holiday.

The Canteen Kitchen was renovated during the holiday – a new asbestos ceiling being put in to absorb condensation, the walls being tiled, swing doors to the back passageway filled & all the storerooms redecorated.

## **1957**

8<sup>th</sup> Jan the school reopened, roll 378. Transport is now in the hands of:

White's	Risinghurst
Dring's	Sandhills & Waterperry
Honour's	Horton cum Studley, Stanton etc.
Parsler's	Garsington

11<sup>th</sup> The Lady Helen Asquith H.M.I. spent the day here.

25<sup>th</sup> Mr N.A. Scropton & his Deputy, Mr Burden spent the morning here, examining the new science & gardening laboratory & having advice re equipment.

31<sup>st</sup> P. Surman of Garsington broke his arm during a Phys. Ed. lesson & had to be taken to hospital.

Mrs Cooling, H.M.I., called & inspected the D.S. & Needlework.

18<sup>th</sup>&19<sup>th</sup> Feb Mid-term holiday

20<sup>th</sup> Feb H.M.I. Mr R. Tanner (Art and Craft) spent the afternoon here.

26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Mr Lynch, a Canadian Headmaster, spent 2 days here seeing the general work of the school.

27<sup>th</sup> 3 Student Health Visitors lectured on Mothercraft to the 4<sup>th</sup> year.

1<sup>st</sup> March Dr Bothwell vaccinated for B.C.G.

7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> County Drama Festival here.

13<sup>th</sup> A coachload of girls visited the Ideal Homes Exhibition today.



14<sup>th</sup> Dr Bothwell, Assistant County M.O.H., carried out a research questionnaire into the incidence of smoking among school children.

29 Mrs Wakefield lectured to the second year on Life in Canada.

3<sup>rd</sup>& 4<sup>th</sup> Apr The annual school show when 'Our Town' by Thornton Wilder was put on by 3A, directed by Mr J.D. Hodgson.

10<sup>th</sup> School closed for the Easter holiday.

29<sup>th</sup> April The school reopened after Easter vacation.

2 May The Army Kinema Unit showed a film & lectured.

The Test of Achievement main examinations will be taking place during the next fortnight.

23<sup>rd</sup> I attended a Rural Studies Group Meeting at the Reading Museum of Rural Crafts [Life].

4<sup>th</sup> June Area Sports at Littlemore

5<sup>th</sup> Area Sports at Littlemore postponed from yesterday owing to rain.

The school did remarkably well, winning three out of the five trophies, they were: -

Group I        Boys

Group II       Boys and Girls

And the cup for the highest number of points gained by any one school.

The swimming pool built by the boys and the Groundsman, was opened for use today. The cost of materials has been borne by the L.E.A. & we provided the labour. The pool is 46' x 16' & can take up to 40 children at one time, if need be.

4<sup>th</sup> June Four Culham students commenced 5 weeks teaching practice.

6<sup>th</sup> The Primary schools of the Area held their sports here.

7<sup>th</sup> Closed for the Whitsun holiday

11<sup>th</sup> A party of 30 children & 4 staff, Messrs Allen & Babb, Miss Brock & Mrs Badcock, today went on a 10 day visit to Wengen, Switzerland.

17<sup>th</sup> School reopened.

20<sup>th</sup> I attended a meeting of Sec. Mod. Heads at the County Offices.

22<sup>nd</sup> The County Athletic Sports were held on the Iffley Road Running Track, the school supplying more than half of the Competition from the Icknield Area. The Area won the Group II Challenge Cup for the first time, & this was mainly due to our efforts.

3<sup>rd</sup> July H.M.I. Comber & the Director of Education spent the afternoon here discussing the planning of extensions to the Gardening and Rural Sciences Laboratory. It was a hot day & they saw the swimming pool being well & truly used.

5<sup>th</sup> Five Swedish & one Danish teachers spent the day here.

8<sup>th</sup> Two Holton Park 6<sup>th</sup> Form girls commenced a fortnight's observation.

9<sup>th</sup> The Principal [Rector] of Exeter College examined the teaching of the Culham students today.

11<sup>th</sup> The annual Open Day & Prize Distribution.

We were favoured by reasonable weather which held fine until 4.30 p.m. by which time the festivities were over.

12<sup>th</sup> The Culham students finished their teaching practice.

17<sup>th</sup> Mrs Anson, Messrs Barker & Tong & myself went to Evesham and Droitwich Secondary Modern Schools to inspect the Rural Science buildings in these new constructions.

22<sup>nd</sup> July All swimming tests longer than 10 yards (these were taken in our own bath) were held at Long Bridges swimming bath this morning.

24<sup>th</sup> The school closed for the summer holiday,

Mrs Galbraith, Mrs Webster, Mrs Bowley & Mr Hodgson leaving the staff.

4<sup>th</sup> Sept The school reopened with a roll of 402 & Miss J. Hughes & Mesdames Potts, Roy & Robinson replacing the members of staff who left last term.

Today the children from the Great Haseley School, now 'decapitated', commenced to attend here – the Area includes Great Haseley, Great & Little Milton, Milton Common & Tiddington & some 45 pupils were transferred.

At the same time, all the children who finished their first year here in July & live on the Headington Estates, were, with the exception of 7 who chose to remain, transferred to the new Sec. Mod. School at Old Marston.

This means that only 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year pupils from Headington still remain here (except for the 7 already mentioned) & consequently in 2 years' time this school will serve a completely rural area.

9<sup>th</sup> Sept A day's holiday for S. Giles' Fair.

17<sup>th</sup> A party of children visited the 'Do it yourself exhibition' & Children's Art at Burlington House in London.

19<sup>th</sup> A day's holiday for Thame Show.

23<sup>rd</sup> Hamid Mubarak Ali commenced a week of observation of teaching methods.

27<sup>th</sup> Mr Barker & I visited Malmsbury & Highworth Sec. Schools to observe the rural science provision.

26<sup>th</sup> The school accounts were audited by the County Treasurer's dept.

1<sup>st</sup> Oct Mr Worswick, new Headmaster of Woodcote Sec. School, came with his Science master to see our provision for the subject.

5<sup>th</sup> Further Education Conference.

7<sup>th</sup> The changing shelter for the swimming pool is in course of erection by Mr Beechey & the groundsman. Mr Howes & the boys are responsible for the woodwork & the general panning.

7<sup>th</sup> Oct Asian Influenza prevalent throughout the Country, has reached this district, and the attendance is dropping.

8<sup>th</sup> Miss Hughes was absent Tues – Thurs last week & Mr Green similarly this week. Of attendance for this week:

11<sup>th</sup> 84% of attendance for this week.

14<sup>th</sup> Attendance            218

15<sup>th</sup>                            196

16<sup>th</sup>                            178

17<sup>th</sup>&18<sup>th</sup> School closed with 43.9% for the 3 days.

21<sup>st</sup> The school reopened with attendance of 57%.

A pottery kiln & furniture, costing some £83 is now in operation. It was purchased from school funds which also gave £65 to the Swiss holiday fund.

22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Miss Hughes is attending a course at Missenden Abbey (Needlework)

28<sup>th</sup>&28<sup>th</sup> Oct Mid-term holiday

20<sup>th</sup>Oct-1<sup>st</sup> Nov Miss Jones absent through illness.

4<sup>th</sup> Nov Miss Jones absent through the serious illness of her Father.

1<sup>st</sup> Annual Parents' Open Evening & election of Parents' Committee.

7<sup>th</sup> Mrs Robinson & I attended a one day Course on English in the Secondary School at the Institute of Education.

12<sup>th</sup> Miss M Bowley came in today on supply duty in place of Miss Jones.

14<sup>th</sup> Lord Coleraine, Chairman of the National Youth Council, with Mr McAlpine, Perm. Secretary came in this afternoon to hear Mr Levy Y.E.O. give a lecture to the Easter Leavers,

25<sup>th</sup> Mr Babb is absent through illness.

26<sup>th</sup> Miss Jones returned to duty

27<sup>th</sup> Mrs Roy is absent through illness.

2<sup>nd</sup> December Mrs Potts is absent through illness.

3<sup>rd</sup> Mr Shipperlee, Staff Supply teacher, came in today, also Mrs Bowley for 1 day.

4<sup>th</sup> Mrs Roy returned to duty, Miss Jones has gone home. Mr Shipperlee left at mid-day for Nuneham Courtenay.

The Police examined cycles, 25 being found unsafe. A road safety film was also shown on Monday.

5<sup>th</sup> Messrs Allen & Green attended a day conference on the teaching of Maths at the Institute of Education.

7<sup>th</sup> School Xmas Dance.

16<sup>th</sup> The lower school Xmas party was held, it followed the usual pattern & some 200 children sat down to a tea of ham & cheese sandwiches, jelly & fruit salad with ice cream, cakes & doughnuts. The Parents' Committee helped with the service & 6 Governors were present.

17<sup>th</sup> The Upper School Party

18<sup>th</sup> The Primary school party

19<sup>th</sup> Carol service of 9 lessons in the morning with the Primary school, & a film show in the afternoon. The school closed for the Xmas holiday at 3.40 p.m. Mrs Wright & Mrs Potts left the staff. Owing to staff absences, Mrs Bowley did supply teaching on 5 days in Dec.

## **1958**

8<sup>th</sup> Jan The school reopened after the Xmas holiday, Mrs M. Saunders replacing Mrs Roy, while Mr R.C.E. Green has taken over the Maths specialist post in place of Mrs Wright. Mrs Webster has come in again as supply teacher & Mrs Bowley is here for 3 days in the absence of Miss Hughes who is looking after her sick mother.

13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Mrs Webster absent,

17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Miss Brock absent.

21<sup>st</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> Mrs Saunders absent 24<sup>th</sup>, 1 day Miss Hughes absent.

29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> Mrs Badcock absent all – illness.

29<sup>th</sup> Governors meeting attended by Mr C.J. Peers, Chairman of the L.E.A.

4<sup>th</sup> Feb Lt Com Smethwick, R.N., Liaison officer, gave a talk & a film on the Royal Navy to the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> year boys.

17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Mid-term holiday.

19<sup>th</sup> Miss Capell, Demonstrator for Persil washing powders, gave a lecture to 4<sup>th</sup> year girls.

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> March The County Drama Festival was held here.

10<sup>th</sup> March A meeting of the House Committee appointed Miss K. Davies as D.S. Teacher to succeed Mrs Badcock (née Trickett) in September.

19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 'The Beggar's Opera' the most ambitious school show yet staged, was put on in the evenings of 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. An orchestra of 14 players accompanied the singing & it was a most successful production. The Chairman of the L.E.A., Mr C.J. Peers, was present, as well as Brig. Brett, our chairman & most of the Governing Body. Mr E.J. Dorrell, Deputy Director also came on Thursday evening. All costumes – over 400, were made by the needlework department, & scenery, lighting, etc, were all arranged by members of the staff.

24<sup>th</sup> A String Quartet played Beethoven & Mozart to a selected audience.

27<sup>th</sup> The school closed for the Easter holiday.

15<sup>th</sup> April The school reopened after the Easter break.

Miss H. Dodd has come to the school for one week's observation (Brighton College of Phys. Ed.).

21<sup>st</sup> Miss Badger of Headington has come for a week's observation.

Inspection of teeth today and tomorrow.

23<sup>rd</sup> Conference of Needlework Teachers at Old Marston School. Mrs Anson & Miss Hughes attended.

Miss Jones has been called home owing to the serious illness of her Father, she went this afternoon.

25<sup>th</sup> I went to Rotherfield Sec. School to speak about the early history of the school.

28<sup>th</sup> I was called to Brightwell, Wallingford, to give evidence at a Ministry of Health Enquiry re the Old House, Wheatley.

1<sup>st</sup> May T of E [A?] Expedition 13 boys & 6 girls from Woodstock to Kidlington. The boys took from 9.0 a.m. to 5.15 p.m., girls 9.30 a.m. to 4.0 p.m. but to Bletchington only.

13<sup>th</sup> May Mrs Potts was taken ill in school & had to go home.

15<sup>th</sup> Mrs Potts returned today.

13<sup>th</sup>&14<sup>th</sup> Agricultural Show at Kidlington. A party of 30 children and staff went each day.

19<sup>th</sup> A Ransome's MG Crawler tractor (value £360) was delivered today. It is being housed in the Nissen hut, behind the pavilion, which is being extended & adapted as an implement shed for the Agricultural Course.

An excellent second hand poultry fold unit was also purchased today for £11 + £1 carriage.

23<sup>rd</sup> The school closed for the Whitsun break.

27<sup>th</sup> Whit. Tuesday, a party of 30 boys & girls with Mrs Gould. Mr Howes & myself travelled to Holland to stay at Noordwijk on Sea. The weather was perfect, 3 whole day excursions were held – Rotterdam, Amsterdam & Volendam etc, as well as 3 days of perfect weather by the sea side. On Tues. June 3<sup>rd</sup> the party returned.

2<sup>nd</sup> June School reopened. Miss M Allington took the place of Mr F. Teather as School Secretary, Miss Jones returned to duty & 4 Culham students started 5 weeks of teaching practice. I returned early from Holland and attended a conference of Heads of Practising schools at Culham College.

5<sup>th</sup> June A party of 20 teachers of Rural Studies from the West Riding of Yorkshire, with Mr Moyes the organiser, spent the morning here, looking around the gardens & laboratories.

6<sup>th</sup> Mr Hadder & Mr Cox of Wooburn Sec. School, Bucks, spent the day here looking at the Rural Science provision.

17<sup>th</sup> Messrs. A.C. Nielson conducted a brief research on the popularity of white chocolate.

20<sup>th</sup> June First polio injections for 150 children – the second [will be] in 4 weeks.

1<sup>st</sup> July Final teaching inspection of students.

2<sup>nd</sup> Summer meeting of Sec. Mod. Heads at Bartholomew's [sic] School Eynsham.

7<sup>th</sup> Presentation of test of Achievement Certificates at the Forum Restaurant Oxford – we gained 16, the highest number yet, & the second highest in the County.

10<sup>th</sup> The third year boys & girls had a day's outing to Stratford upon Avon, visiting Compton Winyates, Bourton on the Water, etc.

16<sup>th</sup> School Sports.

17<sup>th</sup> Open Evening – the first ever & most successful 500-600 visitors many of them male, being present. There were displays of physical education & swimming, choral speaking & singing. The preparation of poultry for the table and kindred activities, as well as ploughing, rotovating etc were going on.

22<sup>nd</sup> Mr G. Gould English Master at Lord Williams's school Thame produced 'That Scamp Scapin' this afternoon for the whole school.

25<sup>th</sup> End of term.

9<sup>th</sup> Sept The school reopened with a roll of 385. Miss Jones had left, being replaced by Mrs Lanktree, Mrs Badcock (D.S.) by Miss K. Davies & Mrs Potts by Mrs Bowley but only for 2/5 of the week, the latter taking Needlework in place of Miss Hughes who is now doing General subjects.

17<sup>th</sup> Mr Osborn, the Director's roving emissary for School Libraries, spent the day here.

18<sup>th</sup> Thame Show holiday, a pair of Chinchilla Rabbits entered by the school were [sic] highly commended.

19<sup>th</sup> Miss Hughes absent to attend a Court case.

22<sup>nd</sup>&24<sup>th</sup> Sept Mr Barker & I attended a 2 day course on the Adopted School Farm at the Devon School of Agriculture, Bicton, Budleigh Salterton.

24<sup>th</sup> The annual visit of the School of Health Visitors from Oxford.

2<sup>nd</sup> Oct Major P. McDonnell, W.R.A.C., lectured to the senior girls & showed a film.

3<sup>rd</sup> Visit of Afro/Asian students

8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> I spent 3 days in Cheshire examining the working of alternative courses in Secondary Modern Schools.

15<sup>th</sup> Oct Display of Youth Activities in the school hall. The attendance was very poor.

27<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> Mid-term holiday.

29<sup>th</sup> Parents' Committee meeting.

7<sup>th</sup> Nov The Annual Parents' Evening, there was an attendance of about 130, after the inspection of classroom work, there was a general meeting in the hall followed by the showing of transparencies of our Dutch visit.

12<sup>th</sup> Nov Annual Distribution of Prizes, this year for the first time, in the Autumn Term. The presentation was by C. Hamilton Baynes, Esq., late Headmaster of New College School, Oxford, & there was an attendance of about 50 guests & 100 parents.

A special feature was the display of Chrysanthemums both in the entrance hall & the assembly hall. There was a full attendance of Governors.

28<sup>th</sup> Mr E.G. Wheeler lectured on travelling in India.

2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Dec Medical Examination of Leavers.

13<sup>th</sup> School Dance. Tickets 7/6 single 12/6 double, refreshments included. All tickets previously sold & no admission at the door by payment. The Dance was a great success being of a much higher class than on previous years & there was no 'teddy boy' element to misbehave.

Financially, little profit was made, but receipts were greatly helped by a draw which brought in over £17.

1<sup>st</sup> Dec Miss J. Hughes has left owing to illness & her place has been taken by Miss L.M.S. Glass.

15<sup>th</sup> Lower school Xmas party.

16<sup>th</sup> Upper school Xmas party.

17<sup>th</sup> The primary school held their party in the hall & dining room, finishing at 3.30 p.m.

The Prefects then followed with theirs. In the morning, the film 'Doctor at Sea' was shown.

18<sup>th</sup> Carol Service in the morning with the Primary School.

Break up for Xmas at 3.40 p.m.

A third greenhouse 12' x 8' from Tucker Bros. is in course of erection.

## **1959**

6<sup>th</sup> Jan Commencement of Spring Term.

7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Baby craft talks & demonstrations to 4<sup>th</sup> year girls by Student Health Visitors.

Jan 15<sup>th</sup> Film on Bees 'Honeybee trail'.

29<sup>th</sup> 'Bees for Hire'.

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Honey Bee'.

Jan 6<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Many staff absences owing to Influenza.

H.M.I. Arrowsmith paid his first visit to the school.

28<sup>th</sup> Governors' Terminal [sic] meeting.

10<sup>th</sup> Feb The erection of the fixed gymnastic apparatus in the hall was finished today.

26<sup>th</sup>&17<sup>th</sup> Mid-term holiday.

24<sup>th</sup> 100 pure bred R.I.R. [Rhode Island Red] chicks & 50 of our own Welsomer [Welssummer] chicks are due to hatch today in the incubator bought from the Devon Farm School at Bicton East Budleigh for £3.

13<sup>th</sup> Mr David attended for interview for the Phys. Ed. post & accepted same.

4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> March County Drama Festival here.

12<sup>th</sup> A meeting of Heads of Sec. Mod. Schools & the Head of Littlemore Grammar School, was held at Littlemore today to discuss transfers.

18<sup>th</sup> March Dress Rehearsal of 'Quality Street' for the whole school this afternoon. Miss Hodgeman examined the Test of Achievement candidates in some parts of the practical Gardening Examination.

19<sup>th</sup>& 20<sup>th</sup> The Annual School Show 'Quality Street' was produced by Mrs Robinson before quite good houses, the Friday evening being much the better attended, there being 9 Governors and Mr Dorrell, the Assistant D of E present. A feature of the production was the decoration of the hall with Primulas & Daffodils by the Gardening Dept.

20<sup>th</sup> One day Conference of Housecraft Teachers from the County, the opening address was by the Director & Mrs Cooling, H.M.I., & Mrs Burridge were also resented.

23<sup>rd</sup> Miss Ann Codling & Miss Tinbergen attended for preliminary Interview for the Post of Phys. Ed. Mistress, the former was appointed.

25<sup>th</sup> Miss Rogers of Cowley also came for preliminary interview for the post of teacher of commercial & general subjects. She also was recommended to the staff.

The school has been selected as one of the 7 in the County to introduce Alternative Courses of Study for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> year pupils as from the beginning of the Autumn term.

The courses will be Commercial, Rural, Technical – boys & girls, Practical & a small academic stream.

Typewriters & specialist office equipment will be available & it is anticipated that Miss Rogers will develop the course on the Commercial side.

24<sup>th</sup> The School Football team has won the Pressed Steel County Cup – this is a great achievement.

25<sup>th</sup> Test of Achievement – mock has just been held & the expedition was today, round Cuddesdon & Milton. The school closed for Easter.

13<sup>th</sup> April The school reopened with a roll of 339, 11 of 4A have remained to complete the school year & to sit the T of A County Certificate Examination. This brings 4A up to 22 roll.

18<sup>th</sup> County Youth Drama Festival here.

20<sup>th</sup> T of A County Certificate of Education started today.

21<sup>st</sup> Mr Sternberg went to Abingdon for interview as the Hd of Dept – Art, at a new school but was unsuccessful.

24<sup>th</sup> Governors' Meeting.



5<sup>th</sup> May T of Expedition Woodstock – Kidlington. 20 boys & girls took part & all completed the course on time.

9<sup>th</sup> Youth Rounders Rally.

15<sup>th</sup> Closed school for the day to allow the staff to attend an Open Day at the U.S.A. Force base Upper Heyford for lectures & tours of inspection 'Presenting America' – some 200 Sec. Mod. teachers were present in perfect weather conditions.

15<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> May Whitsun holiday.

26<sup>th</sup> School reopened.

19<sup>th</sup> May School Educational Visit to Chiarvari, N. Italy, 35 children with Miss Brock, Mr & Mrs Green & Mr & Mrs Tong went for 9 days. A very successful visit somewhat marred by bad weather.

[inserted] 27<sup>th</sup> H.M.I. Arrowsmith spent the day here.

2<sup>nd</sup> May Mrs M.E. Saunders left the staff today, she is having a baby in July.

11<sup>th</sup> Mr J. Polden who was a pupil at Thame Lord Williams's Grammar School & who will be entering London University in September, commenced duty here in place of Mrs Saunders for the rest of the term.

1<sup>st</sup> June Four Culham students commenced 5 weeks' teaching practice. Headmasters' meeting at Culham.

2<sup>nd</sup> Messrs Barker, Tong & myself went with the Rural Studies Group to Elstow & Ampthill Schools in Bedfordshire.

4<sup>th</sup> June I spoke to Horspath parents about the opportunities of further education provided by the modern schools.

8<sup>th</sup> Mrs Soderstrom, a Swedish teacher, spent the afternoon here.

10<sup>th</sup> A party of 30 children saw 'The 10 Commandments' at the Ritz Cinema, Oxford, with Mrs Webster, the R.K. specialist.

11<sup>th</sup> Area Sports at Old Marston Sec. School. We did particularly well, bringing home Group I & Group II Boys' Trophies, Group I Girls' & the Aggregate Cups – 4 out of the 6 possible.

The weather since Whitsun has been perfect & the fullest possible use has been made of the swimming pool.

2<sup>nd</sup> June The County Rural Studies Group visited Elstow & Ampthill Sec. Schools & also the Bedfordshire County Farm.

16<sup>th</sup> 2A & 2B went to Holton Park for dress rehearsal of 'The dumb wife of Cheapside'.

18<sup>th</sup> June I visited Shipston on Stour & Kineton High Schools with other Headmasters from the County today.

65 children & 4 staff toured Warwick Castle & the Bournville works.

19<sup>th</sup> An exhibition of Chinese Art was today set up in the entrance hall by the Curator of the University Museum of eastern Art, Mr Rawson & Mr Swann. It will remain for the rest of the term.

24<sup>th</sup> The Upper school girls saw a health & beauty film 'The best of yourself'.

1<sup>st</sup> July A meeting of parents of the next year's 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> year children was held tonight, to discuss the alternative courses of study to be offered to the upper school next term. Some 70-80 were present & many had made previous enquiries. The evening was most successful & in the main, children have been fitted into the courses for which they opted in the original questionnaire.

2<sup>nd</sup> July Lower school outing to Windsor & London Airport at the cost of 17/6 per head, including all transport and tea. The weather was perfect & a most successful day was spent – the river trip from Runnymede to Windsor, with tea on the steamer being particularly enjoyable.

16<sup>th</sup> Open Evening when some 500 parents saw the usual exhibition of book work, displays of practical subjects and children working on a variety of individual projects. A number of small sideshows etc. added to the interest and helped school funds as did a film & film strip show of the school journey to N. Italy.

17<sup>th</sup> Mrs Fane was 'At home' to the staff at Westland House.

20<sup>th</sup> Swimming tests & Presentation of County Certificates of Education at the Forum Restaurant, Oxford – 16 being gained by this school – 3<sup>rd</sup> in the County.

21<sup>st</sup> July Two German youths spent the afternoon here.

24<sup>th</sup> End of the Summer term.

8<sup>th</sup> Sept Autumn term commenced. Redecorated after 9 years of use. The Entrance hall, Library, Commercial room, Art room & 3c, handicraft, Dom. Sci., Boys' & Girls' Cloaks & various ceilings. The main hall still awaits attention.

New members of staff: - Mr E.W. David (Boys' Phys. Ed.) vice Mr R.C.E. Green who now takes Maths. Miss A. Codling (Girls' P.E., Needlework & Science) vice Mrs Draper & Mrs Saunders, Miss P. Rogers (Commercial Subjects & General)

The roll is 377 some 108 children being admitted to the 1<sup>st</sup> year.

Alternative Courses of study for the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> year children have commenced. The dining room has to be used for technical drawing & the projection room opposite the library for commerce.

17<sup>th</sup> Sept Thame Show holiday.

21<sup>st</sup> Individual School Photographs.

H.M.I. Miss Hawkes inspected the Phys. Ed. & in consequence of her recommendation Mrs Webster will be taking the lower school girls' P. E. instead of Mrs Lanktree.

24<sup>th</sup> The McCall Fashion Co staged a mannequin parade.

25<sup>th</sup> Mr Hawkins, Youth Employment Officer, discussed the probable impact of the new alternative courses on school leavers.

1<sup>st</sup> Oct A party of overseas visitors looked round the school.

9<sup>th</sup> I attended the official opening of Littlemore Grammar School.

13<sup>th</sup> Naval Factual film, also B.C.G. vaccination.

16<sup>th</sup> Oct Mr Elvin spoke & gave a film slide show 4000 miles on a bicycle through India.

Medical Inspection of Xmas leavers.

21<sup>st</sup> Miss Brock was absent to attend a Library meeting at Bletchley Training College.

26<sup>th</sup>&27<sup>th</sup> Mid-term holiday.

30<sup>th</sup> Fourth year Technical girls visited Hunt & Broadhurst [and] Oliver & Gurden's Cake Factory.

5<sup>th</sup> Nov Youth Employment Interviews.

10<sup>th</sup> Mr Martin lectured with slides on 'From the Cape to Rhodesia'.

11<sup>th</sup> Prize distribution by the Rev R.C.C. Watson, Chaplain of Wadham College.

For the first time, tea was served for all, in the dining room & was a great success in mixing the audience of parents, Governors and friends.

13<sup>th</sup> Youth Employment Interviews.

19<sup>th</sup>& 20<sup>th</sup> Mrs Webster, Messrs Green, Babb & myself attended the 2-day N.U.T Conference at Witney County Secondary School. Mrs Webster & Mr Green were in the Maths Course, & Mr Green & myself in the Secondary Modern.

19<sup>th</sup> Brook Bond's tea films were shown.

24<sup>th</sup> Medical 'walk past' of 1<sup>st</sup> year children.

25<sup>th</sup> The Rev. Baker of Gt. Milton looked round the school.

26<sup>th</sup> Miss Brock attended a Library Course at the Institute of Education.

27<sup>th</sup> The Head Teachers of all the Primary Schools (except Mrs Edwards of Cuddesdon) came, with Mr Vines, Primary Schools Advisor, to tea, to a meeting, to discuss our common aims. After which they looked at the book work of the school, in particular at the work of the first year children who had recently transferred to the secondary school.

In the evening 250-300 parents came to see their children's work & to discuss individual difficulties. Afterwards there was a well-attended meeting when the new Parents' Committee was elected, and I reported to the assembly on the year's work & on alternative course etc.

A feature of the school today is the growth of the wearing of school uniform, more than 90% of the boys and girls are so attired, and parents were thanked & encouraged in this direction.

A [sic] most successful evening ever held closed with a film of this year's Italian visit & of the surrounds of the school, all in colour, followed by tea & biscuits.

28<sup>th</sup> Nov County Parent/Teacher Association meeting at County Hall, Oxford.

4<sup>th</sup> Dec Cadbury's gave chocolate cookery demonstrations to the 4<sup>th</sup> year girls.

10<sup>th</sup> Sec. Mod. Headmasters' meeting with the Director.

12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Invitation Dance, about 200 were present. Tickets 7/6 single 12/6 double, including refreshments prepared by Miss Davies & the 4<sup>th</sup> year girls. A profit of some £35 was realised towards school funds.

16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Dec The Annual school parties, some 260 children attended out of a possible 383. The usual programme of tea with fruit jellies, ice cream, cakes & sandwiches, followed by fancy dress, games etc., was carried through with enthusiasm.

18<sup>th</sup> Dec End of term, a carol service being held in the afternoon.

## **1960**

5<sup>th</sup> Jan School reopened

12<sup>th</sup> The first 2 students from the new Westminster College, N Hinksey, commenced teaching practice here today.

22<sup>nd</sup> H.M.I. Arrowsmith spent the day here, particularly in connection with alternative courses.

Mr C.A. Harwood showed the first of 5 films on Bees which will be exhibited on this and the four next Fridays.

26<sup>th</sup> Miss Brock attended a Library Conference.

27<sup>th</sup> Governors' meeting.

3<sup>rd</sup> Feb The Director of Education had tea with the staff in the Library, & afterwards spoke on & answered questions about educational matters to do with the present & future of the school.

10<sup>th</sup> Years 3T & 4T visited Job's Dairy at Didcot.

22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Mid-term holiday

24<sup>th</sup> and for the next fortnight, mock Test of Achievement examination, today the first school magazine goes to press.

1<sup>st</sup> March Mr Rawlins area Secretary of the National Children's Homes spoke about their work at Assembly this morning.

3<sup>rd</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Auditors for the County Council did their annual work.

5<sup>th</sup> Richard Roberts played for

THE REST V. ENGLAND

In the final international soccer trial at Oxford, scoring the only two goals for his side.

He has been selected to represent

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at York on April 2<sup>nd</sup> & there is great rejoicing at his achievement,

2<sup>nd</sup> April [sic] Roberts scored 2 goals in the above match & was awarded his international cap,

19<sup>th</sup> March Mr Sternberg assisted Mr Morris, Asst. County Organiser for Art & Crafts in a 1 day course in Pottery for County teachers, Miss Rumbold [Rambault] H.M.I., & the Director were present.

25<sup>th</sup> Holiday to celebrate Roberts' achievement.

26 X Country race at Watlington, we finished 11<sup>th</sup> out of 25 teams.

1<sup>st</sup> April The Director had decided that in future this school shall be called Wheatley Secondary School – bilateral. For the past 3 weeks, mock Test of Achievement Certificate Examinations have been taking place, 17 children who could have left, have stayed on to take the full Examination next term.

8<sup>th</sup> T. of A. girls Phys. Ed. End of term.

Summer term commenced

26<sup>th</sup> Forty three formica-topped dining tables & 172 chairs have been delivered for use in the dining room. The six 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> year classes are all 36 [have 36 pupils] or over & are the largest we have ever had in the school – this is, in large measure due to extra building in Wheatley.

T of A County Certif. Examination commenced today & will go on until May 26<sup>th</sup>.

26<sup>th</sup> April The Queensland Government display of products etc., has been erected in the entrance hall, & is excellent – it is on loan for 2 weeks.

3<sup>rd</sup> May Expedition – again a wonderful day for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year running.

From now onwards until Whitsun Test of Achievement, County Certificate Examinations will be taking place for 4CAR & 4T.

5<sup>th</sup> Miss Hodgeman & a party of 8 primary & secondary school Heads visited Waterperry Horticultural School to discuss how it can be integrated into the County Educational System. Tea was served here afterwards – the Director was present & conducted the meeting afterwards.

9<sup>th</sup>&10<sup>th</sup> Dental Inspection.

12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Secondary Heads at the new school – Berinsfield, Dorchester.

23<sup>rd</sup> Library meeting attended by Miss Brock.

25<sup>th</sup> Mr Hawkins Y.E.O. interviewed leavers.

27<sup>th</sup> An excellent lecture 'Sound the Trumpet', was given by Mr Bernard Brown on brass instruments – visitors came from Watlington School.

28<sup>th</sup> Miss Brock's Library Group had a ½ day course on binding & repairing library books.

1<sup>st</sup> June Area Sports were held here, & for the first time the major awards all went to other schools.

3<sup>rd</sup> Lowe & Oliver, electricians, demonstrated loud speaker equipment to test the acoustics of the assembly hall.

8<sup>th</sup> The school closed for the Whitsun holiday.

15<sup>th</sup> A party of 36 boys & girls visited Nordwjck [Noordwijk] Holland under the leadership of Mr Tong, assisted by Mr David, Miss Rogers & Miss Davies.

17<sup>th</sup> 2A, with Miss Brock, visited Longleat House in Wiltshire.

20<sup>th</sup> June Our first Magazine Wheatley Secondary School Record, 1950-1960 has been published & has received general acclaim. The Editor has been Mr J.W. Babb & the total cost £109.7.6, £70-odd of this has been borne by the advertisers. Copies were sent to the Director, all Governors, etc. Many old pupils contributed as well as the staff & children.

21<sup>st</sup> Mr Allen & 3 staff took a party of some 80 children on an educational visit to Portsmouth Dockyard.

22<sup>nd</sup> Mr Hawkins, Y.E.O. interviews.

24<sup>th</sup> Culham Students – the 1<sup>st</sup> year student completed his 5 week practice & the 3 2<sup>nd</sup> years finish theirs next week.

7<sup>th</sup> July Visit of Secondary Heads to Soham & Swavesey Village Colleges, Cambridge.

8<sup>th</sup> Cadbury's visit by 65 children & staff.

15<sup>th</sup> Richard Roberts, the school's first schoolboy international, was presented by Brig. R.J. Brett, Chairman of the Governors, with the Roberts Challenge Soccer Cup and his photograph, in soccer kit, & wearing his International Cap. Roberts then handed the Cup to the Headmaster for inter-house competition, and made a short speech. Mr & Mrs Roberts were present, as was his sister, & they had tea with the Governors afterwards. The cup is now on show in the entrance hall – it cost £20. Roberts represented England v. Ireland, & England v. Eire [sic] during the Spring term.

14<sup>th</sup> July Presentation of County Certificates of Education at the Forum Restaurant, 22 boys & girls from this school received Certificates – only one school in the County out of 24 beating our total by one. This is the highest number yet to be won from this school.

18<sup>th</sup> Swimming tests.

20<sup>th</sup> Presentation to Mr Savidge, the retiring Attendance Officer, by the Director, in the presence of 15 Heads in the Area.

22<sup>nd</sup> End of term. Presentations were made to Miss A.E. Brock. Senior Mistress, who is being married to Mr H.H. Barker who is going to Witney Sec. School as Head of Science Department, & to Mrs S. M. Robinson who leaves for London.

Miss L. M. Runnacles, a student at the Maria Assumption Training College, 23 Kensington Square, W8, has spent the last two weeks here on teaching practice.

Loss of Sports Pavilion by fire on the night of June 2<sup>nd</sup>. This occurred in the late evening & the siren went at 11.24 p.m. but by that time all was ablaze & the Fire Brigade concentrated on saving the implements in the adjoining store – this they did.

The Pavilion was a total loss, as were its contents valued at £250. The building itself will be replaced by the insurance Company whose assessor came on Tues. 7<sup>th</sup>.

6<sup>th</sup> September Commencement of Autumn Term Roll 408 – the highest ever admissions, 108 at 11+ and a further eight in various age groups, total 116.

324 meals (without staff numbers) were served today.

New Staff: -

Miss S. Jones History & Library

Mrs P.E. Gibson Hist. & English in the Lower School, Mr Fox, County supply staff is with us for 6 weeks to assist with Gardening & rural & general science. Mrs Gould is Senior Mistress.

9<sup>th</sup> Sept Alan Stringer, aged 17, a former pupil at this school was killed today as he went to board a moving tractor, he slipped & the trailer it was towing went over him.

16<sup>th</sup> Annual Visit of Health Visitors' School.

21<sup>st</sup> Termly meeting of the Governors.

24<sup>th</sup> The Women's Institute held their County Country Dance party here tonight.

28<sup>th</sup>&29<sup>th</sup> I visit [sic] Oswestry Camp as the guest of the Army to see the Junior Leaders' Training Unit Batt.

30<sup>th</sup> Messrs. D.W. Smith & J. Kidd, students from Westminster College commenced one month's teaching practice today.

11<sup>th</sup> Oct Mr Allen on Jury at Assizes.

12<sup>th</sup> Mr Allen on Jury at Assizes.

11<sup>th</sup> Miss Jones attended a Conference on English at the Institute of Education.

21<sup>st</sup> Oct Navy Recruitment Film.

24<sup>th</sup>& 25<sup>th</sup> Mid-term holiday.

28<sup>th</sup> Mr Fox & Quarterman & Griffin have gone on the Patterdale Course (9<sup>th</sup>).

31<sup>st</sup> Oct Mr J. Wheatcroft commenced supply duty for the rest of the term.

3<sup>rd</sup> Nov Philomel Ballet at Old Marston School - we sent 2 coach loads.

7<sup>th</sup> A coach load of 4<sup>th</sup> year boys & girls visited the Industrial design Exhibition in Haymarket.

8<sup>th</sup> Simplicity Fashion Show for all the girls in the hall.

9<sup>th</sup>& 10<sup>th</sup> Royal Oxford Horticultural Show at Oxford Town Hall. The school won 2 first prizes, one for the best exhibit & the other for the best project on onion cultivation. Mr Tong staged the exhibition.

11<sup>th</sup> Nov Annual Parents' Evening attended by upwards of 300 parents & friends, & by Mr C. Hawkins, Y.E.O. A very successful evening, with exhibition of exercise books. Film on Patterdale, etc.

B.C.G. Vaccinations.

14<sup>th</sup> A party of 4<sup>th</sup> year boys visited the Pressed Steel Works this morning.

24<sup>th</sup> Prize & Speech Day – the presentations were made by F.I. Venables, Esq., M.A., Principal of Culham College, & the majority of the Governors were present. The usual bouquet was given to Mrs Venables, & the Principal received an earthenware fruit bowl which had been made & fired at the school.

Tea was afterwards served to everyone in the dining room.

25<sup>th</sup> Army Recruitment Film by Capt Moloch. Mr Smith, the new County Architect came with Mr Gerard to test the acoustics of the main hall.

30<sup>th</sup> The Secretary's office was broken into via the window during the night, after fruitless attempts had been made to force the door. £1.16.6 in cash was stolen from a desk drawer, but the recently installed wall safe containing some £50 was not touched.

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec Parent/Teachers' Conference at the Forum Restaurant.

5<sup>th</sup> Mr David attended a swimming coaching course at Temple Cowley Baths.

9<sup>th</sup> Two Youth Employment films were shown by Mr Hawkins. 'I am a Youth Employment Officer' & 'Training for Industry',

10<sup>th</sup> School Dance, a profit of some £38 was made.

11<sup>th</sup> Mr Fox returned from Patterdale & took up duty.

15<sup>th</sup> The Lower school party took place this afternoon, sweets & chocolates were used as prizes, & ice cream was served at the end.

19<sup>th</sup> Upper school party.

20<sup>th</sup> End of term, in the morning the film 'The Card', in the afternoon – Carol service.

## **1961**

5<sup>th</sup> Jan School reopened after the Xmas holiday.

10<sup>th</sup> Mr R.S. Leggatt, a student from Westminster T.C. commenced duty until Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>.

12 Mr N.L. Davies, School Dentist, came to examine the children's teeth.

23<sup>rd</sup> Mrs Gould & I attended a 1 day Conference at the Institute of Education on Secondary Education.

25<sup>th</sup> + next week, two student Health Visitors demonstrated the care of a baby to 4<sup>th</sup> year girls.

26<sup>th</sup> Governors' meeting.



28<sup>th</sup> The Patterdale Staff commenced rock climbing practice in the stone pit adjacent to Miss Cullum's house.

30<sup>th</sup> H.M.Ts. H.E. Davies (Maths) & Arrowsmith, spent the day here.

8<sup>th</sup> Feb The W.R.A.F. travelling recruiting unit gave a film show to the senior girls.

20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Mrs Gould & I attended a L.E.A. Conference for Secondary Heads & Senior Assistants at Cowley Manor, Glos.

25<sup>th</sup> Feb The County cross Country Race was held here.

2<sup>nd</sup> March Mr Hawkins, Y.E.O., showed some careers films to the 4<sup>th</sup> year.

10<sup>th</sup> I attended a Head Masters' meeting at Littlemore Grammar school re transfers from Grammar to Modern etc.

23<sup>rd</sup> Also at Thame Grammar School.

28<sup>th</sup> End of term.

17<sup>th</sup> April Summer term commenced.

A fine new Pavilion 40' x 20' with verandah & on a concrete base which we ourselves laid (thus saving about £100 for other refinements) was erected during the Easter holiday on a new site on the sports field. It cost some £283 for replacement of equipment lost in the fire. Mr Beechey & senior boys are now putting in drainage, water & electricity, extra paths, etc. will also be laid.

Another asset to the school's facilities has been the purchase of an Ampro de luxe film projector for £178, 6 8 from the L.E.A. & £65 from school funds.

20<sup>th</sup> April T of A Expedition, Woodstock/Kidlington.

1<sup>st</sup> May Miss C Swift, a 2<sup>nd</sup> year D.S. student from Worcester T.C. commenced 3 weeks teaching practice.

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> County Agricultural Show at Kidlington. Mr Tong staged an exhibition of Begonias.

16<sup>th</sup> Mr Dyke & Mr Jones came to view The Merry Bells [Wheatley village hall].

17<sup>th</sup> Mrs Story from the University Depart. of Education is spending 4 days here, observing Maths. Also, Mrs Herrold Evans for Science. School sports afternoon.

18<sup>th</sup> Sec. Mod. Heads meeting with D of E at Kidlington F.E. centre.

19<sup>th</sup> Closed for Whitsun holiday.

29<sup>th</sup> Reopened. Forty-five children & 4 staff went to Helsinfors [sic] Denmark last Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> for a 9 day visit returning Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> June. The amount paid to Ferrylands Travel Agency was £1199. 18. 9, & each child also had £5 spending money.

I attended a Headmasters' meeting at Culham College, today.

2<sup>nd</sup> June The Denmark travellers returned to school.

Mr Jenkinson, head of the Commercial Dept of the Oxford College of Technology spent 2 hours here looking at & advising on the conduct of the commercial classes with which he was very pleased.

6<sup>th</sup> Area Sports at Littlemore Grammar & Sec, Schools, the school did much better than last year & we brought home one cup.

9<sup>th</sup> A hundred and twenty boys and girls of the lower school & 6 staff had a day's outing by rail to Cardiff, Llandaff Cathedral, St Fagan's Castle & Barry Island. It was a most successful day & cost £1 per head.

19<sup>th</sup> June Mr N. Jones, Mr F. Braley & myself visited Chichester L.E.A. to discuss with their Chief Youth organiser the work of Youth Tutor going on in two schools there. We had lunch at 'The Hill' Pulborough & this was followed by a discussion with the two Head Masters concerned. After tea, we returned via Guildford.

22<sup>nd</sup> A 1 day Conference of school leavers was held at Thame Sec. School & attended by 12 boys & girls from here with Mr Wheatcroft.

Meeting with the D of E on Alternative Courses.

26<sup>th</sup> Sixty boys & girls from the upper school, & staff, visiting Cadbury's Chocolate Works, Bournville, today.

28<sup>th</sup> The Culham students finished practice.

15<sup>th</sup> June Visit to Oxford Police Station & to Telephone House by 3 CAT.

5<sup>th</sup> July Visit to Compton Wynyates, Miss Rogers absent, to visit Bristol.

6<sup>th</sup> July Annual Open Evening, a great success with some 700-800 parents & friends present.

A new departure this year is the visiting of the children who will be coming here in September, rather than my going to the Primary schools.

Stanton S. John, Wheatley, & Horspath have come this year, while I have visited the other villages. With more time another year, I hope that all children will come here.

20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> The school show, consisting of a dramatic production staged by Mrs Gould, 'David & Broccoli' followed by a Schubertiad – piano solos by Mr Babb, & songs by the girls' choir. At the same time barbecued refreshments, prepared in the Housecraft room were served in the 'quad', two hearths with bellows from the Handicraft shop being used for cooking. The whole staff helped & it was a very happy occasion & certainly of a high & colourful standard. The weather was perfect & the flood lighting showed up the fountain and lily pond as well as the singers in their arbor [sic] of flowers, to great effect.

Visits have been paid this term also to Stratford upon Avon, & the Police Station & telephone exchange at Oxford.

I took a party of second year boys on a tour of the Swindon Railway works.

25<sup>th</sup> Grand staff v school cricket match.

26<sup>th</sup> End of term, we said goodbye to Mesdames Gibson & Lanktree, Miss Rogers & Miss Davies, & Mr F Fox (supply teacher).

6<sup>th</sup> Sept Autumn term commenced with a roll of 437, the highest ever, the following joined the staff:-

Miss M.P. Chantry Housecraft, the Misses K Ayres Commercial & History, T Roberts General sbjs. Messrs AP Francis, Maths, M. Cuthbertson (Science) & C.H. Adams General subjects.

The L.E.A. have [sic] taken over a Country Mansion at Tregoyd on the borders of Brecon & Herefordshire to which 36 15 year old girls from the Sec. Schools in the County will go for 3 weeks for a course in Gracious living & hiking, pony trekking etc. this school, with Northfield & Marston, will send the first Group (12 each) from Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> – Nov 17<sup>th</sup>. Miss Chantry will go as a member of staff for the second 10 days.

Mr W. David is absent this week sitting examinations for entry into the Fleet Air Arm.

29<sup>th</sup> Mrs Webster is absent from duty owing to family illness.

2<sup>nd</sup> Oct M & Mrs David are absent owing to the death of Mrs David's mother.

Miss K. Ayres is absent with Tonsillitis. All four members of staff have been away for the week. Mr F. Fox came in on supply on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>.

9<sup>th</sup> Oct Miss Ayres returned & Mr & Mrs David. Mrs Ellis an Australian two year trained teacher is on supply in place of Mrs Webster.

16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Mr David absent on Air crew examinations.

16<sup>th</sup> I attended the thanksgiving service for the Renovation of Churchill School at Churchill Oxon, where my father was head Master for 35 years.

23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Mid-term holiday

27<sup>th</sup> Twelve 4<sup>th</sup> year girls have to-day gone to a 3 week residential course at Tregoyd, Three Cocks Brecon. They form  $\frac{1}{3}$  of a party of 36 from this, Old Marston & Northfield Schools. This is the first party on this new course for girls which will go on throughout the winter.

6<sup>th</sup>&7<sup>th</sup> Mr R.C.E. Green & Mr A.P. Francis are attending a maths conference for primary school teachers of the area at Icknield School, Watlington.

24<sup>th</sup> Nov Speech Day – the prizes were distributed by the Rev. R.A. K. Runcie, M.C., M.A., Principal of Cuddesdon College [later Archbishop of Canterbury 1980-1991]. Tea was afterwards served in the dining-room to Governors, parents & friends numbering about 200. The Rev. Runcie was presented with an earthenware flowerpot made in the Craft room, & Mrs Runcie with a bouquet.

29<sup>th</sup> One day Needlework conference at Old Marston School.

4<sup>th</sup> Dec B.C.G. Heaf tests and Vaccination.

18<sup>th</sup> Lower school party at 4.0. p.m. – tea with sandwiches cakes & a soft drink, being followed by a Fancy Dress parade, party games etc. the whole entertainment ending by 7.15. p.m. & thoroughly enjoyed by all.

19<sup>th</sup> Upper School party, on similar lines but having to be 'driven along'. It ended at 7.30 p.m.

20<sup>th</sup> Dec A most successful carol service was held this morning, there being bible readings by girls and boys throughout the school.

The film 'Kind Hearts & Coronets', a full length feature, was shown this afternoon, after which there was a short service & the school closed for the Xmas holiday.

Mr David, P.E. master, has left to join the R.A.F. Air crew training school, Mrs David has returned to Norfolk to teach in her home village.

## **1962**

10<sup>th</sup> January School re opened.

There were severe frosts during the holiday but owing to his usual attention to duty, Mr Beechey, the Caretaker, prevented any damage whatsoever to any of the water installations. Mrs A. Ellis who was on supply here from October to December has taken over Mrs David's subjects – Girls' Phys Ed & lower school needlework. Mrs Webster has returned to duty. Miss P. Williams from Manchester has succeeded Mr David & is taking lower school boys' Phys Ed Science & General Subjects. The Upper School Phys Ed. is being shared by Messrs Green, Francis & Cuthbertson.

19<sup>th</sup> Jan Annual Parents' Evening, 200-300 being present to see the children's books & discuss them with the staff who also were all present. Afterwards, the usual meeting was held in the hall, & the new committee representing each year, was elected. Mr C. Hawkins, Y.E.O., answered questions, & Miss Chantry showed coloured transparencies with a taped commentary by the girls who went to Tregoyd. Tea and biscuits finished a very interesting & informative evening at 9.30 p.m.

22<sup>nd</sup> Jan Mass X-ray van came to photograph positive children in the B.C.G. tests held last term.

23<sup>rd</sup> Police examined cycles.

25<sup>th</sup> Governors' meeting. Mr Fox to Gt. Haseley.

29<sup>th</sup> Miss K. Ayres returned to duty after a tonsillectomy operation. She has been out since the beginning of term, her place until last Thursday having been taken by Mr F. Fox.

1<sup>st</sup> Feb The new Rector of Holton, the Rev. Canon C.C. Griffiths & Mrs Griffiths, visited the school this afternoon.

7<sup>th</sup> The Royal Navy film unit gave a show.

8<sup>th</sup> Buttericks Fashion Parade by 22 girls.

14<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Student Health Visitors gave a hygiene talk & demonstration.

8<sup>th</sup> March Audit of School Accounts.

Form 2A visited Blenheim Palace this aft.

15<sup>th</sup> A House Committee meeting was held at 2.30 p.m. to discuss a draft agreement with Wheatley Football Club for the development of part of the Sports Field for their use, as a football pitch.

19<sup>th</sup> March Mr C.M. Cox, a late Governor of this school was cremated this morning.

20<sup>th</sup> H.M.I. Comber came to lunch & to discuss the cultivation of some plants which he wishes to use for demonstration at a course in August.

23<sup>rd</sup> The School won the Thame Road Safety Shield at a Quiz at J[ohn] Hampden school, each member of the team also received 5/-

3<sup>rd</sup> April Army Recruitment liaison officer Capt Mackintosh spoke to the Upper school boys.

3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Arts Festival – Lute Ensemble on Tues, ‘Waiting for Godot’ on Wed, & The Capriol Orchestra conducted by JW Babb on Friday. Also, all the week an exhibition of Art & Ceramics by Local Artists. The total cost was £120 & all but £7 of this was covered by guarantors & payments at the door.

10<sup>th</sup> April County Cross Country Race here (Youth).

13<sup>th</sup> The school closed for Easter.

1<sup>st</sup> May The school reopened.

A new metal work shop & drawing office are to be built adjoining the wood work shop, also a youth wing on the lower side of the school.

2<sup>nd</sup> Work started on the foundations.

16<sup>th</sup> Governors’ meeting.

18<sup>th</sup> Two Mauritians – the brothers Gopaul, are spending 3 days here.

23<sup>rd</sup> Mr Tong & I attended an Open Day at Harwell A.E.R.A. [A.E.R.E.]

31<sup>st</sup> Mr Larder Head & Mr Brandon Deputy of Charlbury Sec. came to discuss alternative courses.

5<sup>th</sup> June Sports Afternoon.

7<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> A party of 40 children & 5 staff went to Pineda, Barcelona, & had a very enjoyable holiday & instructive tour.

20<sup>th</sup> June Area Sports at Watlington where we won the Group I boys’ trophy & were runners up in Group II.

21<sup>st</sup> Primary Schools’ Area Sports here.

26<sup>th</sup> Lower school outing to Windsor, London Airport & then by river from Magna Charta [sic] Island back to Windsor.

5<sup>th</sup> July Headmasters’ visit to John Bennett Comprehensive School, Crawley.

6<sup>th</sup> The children from as many of the primary schools as possible who are due to transfer in September are coming over this week to look at the school. It would seem that the following schools will come – Wheatley, Stanton, Beckley, Cuddesdon, Horspath.

11<sup>th</sup> Open Evening – again attended by 500-600 parents & friends & the school showing itself off to the full. There was an outstanding display of practical work of all sorts, & the parents' committee organised side shows etc., which brought in over £40 for school funds.

13<sup>th</sup> July Cowley Works holidays commence, this means that some 120+ children will be absent from school next week &/or the week after & that all examinations must have been completed by today. With a short summer term in any case, this means a telescoping of all the real work into 12 weeks.

During this fortnight extra games & inter-house competitions will be organised.

24<sup>th</sup> The first ever swimming gala & competition for a trophy presented by Mrs Webster.

26<sup>th</sup> End of term – the following members of staff are leaving us: - Mr JW Babb after 11 years (special presentation) Mrs A Webster (after 7 years) Mrs Ellis (10 months) & Mrs Cuthbertson (1 year). Miss P. Williamson is being married & will return as Mrs P Brooks.

5<sup>th</sup> Sept School reopens with a roll of 433. The following new members of staff commenced duty. Mrs E Jones – gen subjs. Miss M Williams music Miss A Offer Science & Mr G West, metal work & technical drawing ready for the new rooms which will be available in 1963.

The school & parent teachers have presented a second pottery kiln which is now installed in the Art Room.

Eighteen boys & girls, mostly from 4 CAT have gone on to further education,

12<sup>th</sup> Mr Allen & I attended the funeral of Mr GW Price, late Headmaster of Highfield, Bicester.

14<sup>th</sup> Annual visit of nurses and midwives.

4<sup>th</sup> Oct Two students from Westminster College commenced teaching practice.

5<sup>th</sup> Royal Navy film show.

9<sup>th</sup> Governors' meeting.

16<sup>th</sup> Audit of school accounts.

22<sup>nd</sup> Oct Roll 441 – the highest ever.

2<sup>nd</sup> Nov Hockey Training Day at Littlemore Grammar School.

Police Lecture on road safety.

5<sup>th</sup> Mr Brook Miss Leader & Mr Aylen from the B.B.C. came to see Mr Sternberg re the T.V. programme 'Looking at things'.

12<sup>th</sup> The start of a week's course on Cycle training, taken by the Police.

16<sup>th</sup> Nine girls have today gone to Tregoyd for a 4 week course.

23<sup>rd</sup> Miss S. Jones has gone to Tregoyd for one week.

30<sup>th</sup> Roll 447.

8<sup>th</sup> Dec School Dance.

9<sup>th</sup> I visited Tregoyd with Miss Orchard, Senior Mistress of Northfield Sec. School.

13<sup>th</sup> Between 50 & 60 staff from this school & the Primaries of the Catchment Area visited this school 5.30-6.0 p.m. for a Sherry Party, The Director, Mr E. J. Dorrell his Deputy. & H.M.I. Arrowsmith were also present, - very worthwhile occasion.

17<sup>th</sup> Prefects' party in the entrance hall as was the sherry party. The space was just sufficient for a party of about 50.

18<sup>th</sup> Lower School party.

19<sup>th</sup> Upper School party.

20<sup>th</sup> The usual Carol service in the morning & the film 'The Living Desert' in the afternoon, after which school closed for the Xmas holiday.

Miss K. Ayres left to be married.

## **1963**

8<sup>th</sup>&9<sup>th</sup> Jan The school did not reopen because of snow & the very bad state of the roads.

10<sup>th</sup> School reopened with a 72% attendance owing to weather & road conditions – the Horton cum Studley coach could not get through & children from isolated farms were cut off.

Mr A.J. Silsby of Portsmouth commenced duty as Youth Tutor (the first in the County) today. He will teach the 4<sup>th</sup> year classes, liaise with the Youth Employment Officer, run the Youth Centre now in course of erection & visit youth clubs in the area served by the school.

Mrs E. E. Evans has commenced duty as teacher of Shorthand & typing – part-time (18/40) in succession to Miss Ayres.

Mrs M Walters has also joined the staff as full time teacher of lower school general subjects & small retarded groups.

11<sup>th</sup> Miss E Ford commenced teaching practice from Westminster College.

31<sup>st</sup> Governors' meeting.

5<sup>th</sup> Feb Lever Bros lecture on Care of Fabrics.

6<sup>th</sup> Two student Health Visitors to teach Babycraft to 4<sup>th</sup> year – this week & next at 2.30 p.m.

20<sup>th</sup> Feb [sic] A Swiss girl, Gertrude Luthy, spoke to the boys & girls going to Lugano in June. 4 Culham students commenced a 9 week teaching practice on 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 1<sup>st</sup> & will finish on 22<sup>nd</sup> March (9 weeks).

11<sup>th</sup> Feb A new certificate of secondary Education was debated by all the Head masters in the County at Northfield School, when it was unanimously decided that all the Sec. Schools be allowed to take the examination should they so desire. Children would be over 15 years & 9 months and thus in their 5<sup>th</sup> year of secondary education.

15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Cowley Manor Conference on the above.

1<sup>st</sup> March R.A.F. recruitment film & music Festival at Littlemore Grammar School. Miss Williams went as an observer.

5<sup>th</sup> Miss Jones to Blenheim with 2A.

14<sup>th</sup> Rev Bowers, C.M.S. [Church Missionary Society] missionary spoke to the first year.

8<sup>th</sup> A reconditioned Broadwood Grand Piano was delivered cost £200.

22<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Clengan [?], a Headmistress from St Helens, spent the day here.

26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Festival of the Arts.

26<sup>th</sup> The John Kirby piano quintet. Ralph Leavis solo piano.

28<sup>th</sup> 'In Good King Charles's Golden Days' by G.B. Shaw – City of Oxford Players directed by G. Gould.

29<sup>th</sup> The Capriol Orchestra conducted by JW Babb. Total cost £198 -11-4. An exhibition of pictures pottery wood & metal work & embroidery was also held.

29<sup>th</sup> Road safety Quiz at Thame.

1<sup>st</sup> April The first meeting of the 6 Heads to be associated with the Holnicote House Residential Education was held at Marlborough School Woodstock.

3 & 4P visit to Albury Farm.

5<sup>th</sup> End of Term.

23<sup>rd</sup> April School reopened for the summer term. Miss Williams absent ill.

County Certificate Examination commences tomorrow, April 24<sup>th</sup> & continues until Whitsun, number of candidates [blank].

24<sup>th</sup> Two Westminster students, the Misses S.E. Bolan P.E. & Geography & B Plowman, Science & Maths commenced 5 weeks teaching practice.

30<sup>th</sup> County Youth X country.

1<sup>st</sup> May Holnicote House, Selworthy Somerset has been rented by the L.E.A. as a boarding annexe for this school & Thame, Marston, Dorchester, Eynsham & Woodstock. The first courses of 3-4 weeks will commence Jan 1964 for 40-50 3<sup>rd</sup> year boys & girls, each school can utilise the whole house if it so desires, 2 school staff + 2 supernumerary teachers will be in charge.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Heads was held today at Old Marston.

1<sup>st</sup> May The new metalwork shop, although not quite finished, came into partial use today. Mr West has commenced siting the machinery, accepting tools etc. It is an exceedingly well equipped workshop. The drawing office is promised for mid-May.

3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Secondary Heads at the Institute of Education, to discuss C.S.E.



6<sup>th</sup> Miss H Lewis Housecraft student 2<sup>nd</sup> year, from Worcester T.C. commenced teaching practice for 3 weeks.

13<sup>th</sup> Miss Williams returned to duty. We have today ordered a Filtration plant costing £300+ for the swimming pool. The vigorous & enthusiastic parents' committee have [sic] decided to guarantee the cost by a Grand Jumble Sale, tombola, Bring & Buy stall etc. on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Practically every child in the school has contributed.

b) A Draw on Open Evening July 4<sup>th</sup>, top prize £10, 12000 printed tickets @ 6d.

16<sup>th</sup> May Lecture on Australia to 1<sup>st</sup> year children

17<sup>th</sup> A Jumble Sale in aid of the filtration plant, & run by the Parents' Committee was held this evening, & raised some £60.

23<sup>rd</sup> School Sports.

27<sup>th</sup> Visit to the Severn Wild Fowl Trust & to Berk[e]ley Castle by Form 1A.

31<sup>st</sup> Close for the Whitsun holiday. The County Certificate of Education Examination, taken by some 44 4<sup>th</sup> year boys & girls since Easter, has now been completed.

4<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> June a party of 42 3<sup>rd</sup> year boys & girls with Mr & Mrs Tong, Mr Francis & Mrs Anson spent a very successful educational visit at Lugano.

11<sup>th</sup> school reopened.

Culham meeting of Hd Masters.

14<sup>th</sup> A party of 4<sup>th</sup> year visited Cadbury's.

17<sup>th</sup>&18<sup>th</sup> I visited Holnicote Hse with the 5 other Hd Masters who will taking part in the scheme.

20<sup>th</sup> June Mrs Le Riche of the R.S.P.C.A. lectured to 1<sup>st</sup> year children.

21<sup>st</sup> Hd Masters' meeting with the D of E at Northfield.

27<sup>th</sup> Fourth year boys visit to Pressed Steel Co.

4<sup>th</sup> July Open Evening & Fete in aid of the Swimming Pool Purification Plant, which has now been installed in a brick based shed built by Mr Beechey, & a wooden top made in the woodwork shop. Electrical connections were made by Mr Howes & the plant was switched on by me at 9.0 a.m. of that day. The total cost was £388.12.9, of this, £374.13.7 was raised as shown on the balance sheet. A further £50 was donated by Bullingdon R.D.C. & this was spent towards the cost of a chlorinator plant to be added in the spring at the cost of £60.

9<sup>th</sup> July Pitman's Shorthand & Typing Examination – the second year.

4<sup>th</sup> Presentation of County Certificates at the Town Hall Oxford – 24 were gained – the same number as last year. Anthony Cunningham obtained 8 Distinctions, the highest ever from this school.

15<sup>th</sup> Works holidays reduced the roll to 280 & school meals to 212.

This week is being spent on outdoor activities particularly in the afternoons when swimming & other sports are arranged as well as inter-house & staff cricket, rounders & tennis matches.

19<sup>th</sup> The following staff are leaving today, Mesdames E Jones, A Merriman (nee Offer) & M Walters, Miss Roberts & Mr J Silsby who has spent 2 successful terms here as Youth Tutor but cannot find suitable living accommodation.

End of summer term.

4<sup>th</sup> Sept School reopened. Roll 439. The new staff are as follows: - Miss L Morgan Housecraft, Miss P Robinson Needlework & Maths. Miss O Louth Retard class & general. Mr M. Jones – Science & Garden. Mr R Terry Music & R.K.

The metal workshop & drawing office are now available for full use, as is the Youth Centre, costing some £7000, although we shall not have a Tutor until next term.

9<sup>th</sup> Interviews at the office for Holnicote Staff.

10<sup>th</sup> H.M.I. Combes called to see the results of experiments with pea & maize seed & cross fertilization.

12<sup>th</sup> Secondary Head Masters discussed a new C.S.E. Examination with H.M.I. Witherington.

17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of parents of 3<sup>rd</sup> year pupils re the Holnicote course – films & film strips were shown.

19<sup>th</sup> Thame Show holiday.

16<sup>th</sup> Visit of Westminster students to see modern Educational Gymnastics (Mrs Brooks).

All this term there are & will be meetings of the subject panels for C.S.E. Mr Allen – Geography, Mr Sternberg, Art & Craft, & Miss S. Jones History, will all be absent to attend.

23<sup>rd</sup> Oct Meeting for the appointment of Youth Tutor, Rev Beck in the Chair, Brig. Brett, C. P. Greswell, Esq., Mr N Jones & myself, being members of the Panel. 2 candidates only arrived & Mr G. Jameson was appointed.

16<sup>th</sup> Oct Governors' Meeting.

21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> Mid-term holiday.

This summer 20000 – 30000 cubic yards of soil from the new dual carriage-way have been deposited at the far end of the sports field, where it sloped away to the West brook. A level table some 100 yards by 70 has now been made, top soil will be spread & the seeding of a football pitch will take place in 1964 – all at no cost to the school, & only the seeding to the L.E.A.

29<sup>th</sup> Oct Open Evening & a most encouraging attendance of 200- 300 parents, who were most cooperative.

Since the beginning of the month 4 Culham students have spent Thursday afternoons in the Maths Dept studying teaching methods – they will continue for the term.

Four 1<sup>st</sup> year students are also spending a different day each week for 5 weeks, being initiated into the teaching methods.

10<sup>th</sup> Nov The [sic] Brig. R. J. Brett D.S.O., Chairman of Governors for the past 7 years died today.

11<sup>th</sup> Ald C.J. Peers Chairman of L.E.A., Councillor Braggins Chairman Highways, Mr T.B. Cooper, Chairman Sites and Buildings, Mr Summerfield, City Surveyor, Mr Alden, Divl. Surveyor, Mr Yates, Governor of the School, & I, met to discuss the provision of a Layby for buses, at the school.

13<sup>th</sup> Funeral of Brig. Brett, Mrs Gould, Mr Allen & I, attended at Grt. Milton.

15<sup>th</sup> I attended the official opening of the Oxford Technical College by H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

21<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> N.U.T. Conference at Northfield, attended by 9 members of staff. The school remained open through the help of Culham Students.

11<sup>th</sup> Dec Prefects' Party in the Youth Centre.

12<sup>th</sup> Staff Sherry Party for the Wheatley Group of schools, attended by 50/60 including H.M.I. & Mrs Arrowsmith, Mr E.J. Dorrell Mr Burton & Miss Moorhouse.

17<sup>th</sup> Lower School Xmas tea & Party.

18<sup>th</sup> Upper “ “ “ “ “

19<sup>th</sup> The first ever evening Carol Service of singing choral speaking & miming of the Christmas Story, produced by Miss M E Williams accompanist Mrs R Terry, speech & mime by Mrs E Gould. The evening was acclaimed by all present as being an outstanding success, & a most moving performance.

20<sup>th</sup> Dec End of term, & for the first time, no Xmas leavers. A film was shown in the afternoon 'The Glen Miller Story'.

## **1964**

7<sup>th</sup> Jan School reopened. Mr J. V. Jameson commenced duty as Youth Tutor, using the new Youth Centre regularly for the first time.

8<sup>th</sup> Mr H. L. Davis Dental Surgeon examined the boys and girls & will commence treatment next week.

24<sup>th</sup> Governors' Meeting – Mrs Godley in the Chair, attended also by the Director of Education. The C.S.E. Certificate of Secondary Education was discussed & the Director agreed that a 5<sup>th</sup> year to work for this examination should commence in September, this year.

29<sup>th</sup> Parents' Committee met to discuss the first Social Evening proposed to be run by Parents.

Mr G. H. Slee is here for the week to prepare for the first visit to Holnicote Hse.

Holnicote Hse, Selworthy, Somerset is a Country mansion belonging to the National Trust, rented by the H.F.A. This school, with 5 others, will use it as a boarding annexe during the winter months.

Our first party of 25 boys & 18 girls in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year will be there from 4<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> February this year. The staff will be led by Mr Slee, & comprise Mr Walters Miss Lumley & Miss Louth,

the last named being a member [of] staff here. In her absence Mr Buck, another supernumerary teacher will take Miss Louth's lessons.

The programme of work at Holnicote will include environmental studies, projects, outdoor work & living together.

A new electric saw bench & planning machine, costing £141 has been installed in the woodwork shop.

6<sup>th</sup> Feb Cadbury Demonstration to 4<sup>th</sup> year girls.

7<sup>th</sup> Mr Stoughton Harris of Radley spent the morning here, watching P.E.

10<sup>th</sup> Mr C.S. Dunsby Head of Old Marston, a reporter & a photographer from the Oxford Times & Mail [sic] & I, spent the day at Holnicote with my group at present resident there.

24<sup>th</sup> 2A to Blenheim Palace.

5<sup>th</sup> March Girls' Gymnastic competition.

11<sup>th</sup> Mr Jameson sustained a serious motor car accident on the new M.4 near Maidenhead. He fractured his left leg in 2 places, dislocated his left shoulder, broke bones in his ankle & wrist & was very shocked. He is at the moment in the Heatherwood Hospital, Ascot, & is not expected back on duty for months.

12<sup>th</sup> European Studies meeting here.

17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup> Arts Festival – Tues. London Youth Orchestra & Singers Thurs The mask of Shakespeare prod. By G Gould. Fri the Capriol Orchestra conducted by JW Babb, Ralph Leavis solo pianoforte & Bryan Kelly, composer of the Tempest Suite (first performance) was present. Total cost £290.

25<sup>th</sup> March End of term – some 30 children left. We won the Pressed Steel Football Trophy.

13<sup>th</sup> Apr Term commenced – straight into County Certificate Examination. The expedition by 52 boys & girls is on Fri. 17<sup>th</sup>.

We have been allowed an extra member of staff from September next to provide for the 5<sup>th</sup> form, due to start then.

18<sup>th</sup> Youth Drama Festival.

23<sup>rd</sup> Northfield Interviews – 4 girls 2 boys.

28<sup>th</sup> I showed Wheatley Young Wives round the school & answered questions.

30<sup>th</sup> Governors' meeting.

1<sup>st</sup> May Messrs Hill & Chaplin came to discuss possible educational liaison between the 3 schools. Over 60 boys & girls are now sitting for their County Certificate of Education.

18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Whit week holiday,

25<sup>th</sup> May and 4 succeeding weeks, 1 day per week, an hours lecture & discussion for girls in their fourth year, on Sex Education.

28<sup>th</sup> Film on woodwork planes.

29<sup>th</sup> Our School Sports.

1<sup>st</sup> June Certificate of Secondary education Mr I.R. Allen is a member of the Examining panel for Geography Miss S. E. Jones for History & Mr A Sternberg for Art & Craft. They are attending Panel meetings frequently this term.

3<sup>rd</sup> Butterick Fashion Parade for Girls.

4<sup>th</sup> Area Sports at Littlemore Grammar School.

8<sup>th</sup> The following outings will take place this week – Tower of London, Longleat House, Snowhill Manor & Berkeley Castle.

20<sup>th</sup> County Sports.

3<sup>rd</sup> July Presentation of County Certificates at Oxford Town Hall, we obtained 34 – the second highest in the County, out of 24 secondary schools.

7<sup>th</sup> Open Evening some 700/800 parents & friends were present, the usual demonstrations were given. The parents have provided a wind shelter of woven wood on the west side of the pool at the cost of £20.

9<sup>th</sup> Swimming Gala with the usual excitement.

We were beaten by 8 runs in the final of the Oxford Schools Cricket League, on Christ Church ground, by Littlemore Grammar school.

17<sup>th</sup> Break up. Mrs Gould, who has been with us for 14 years & Senior Mistress for 5 years left today to teach in Oxford, as did Miss Morgan to be married & Mr Terry to teach in Surrey.

9<sup>th</sup> Sept School reopened with a roll of 446 & for the first time in its history a 5<sup>th</sup> form of 11 boys & 5 girls who are taking the new Certificate of Secondary Education Examination in May 1965.

New Staff: - Mr R.L. Poltock – English – a temporary post pending permanent appointment. Miss A Roberts Housecraft, Mrs Armstrong – lower school English & Geog. Mrs V. Brownlow (from Sept 20<sup>th</sup>)

Miss S. Jones has taken over responsibility as Senior Mistress, & Mr GV Jameson Youth Tutor recommenced duty as from today, having been hors de combat since March 11<sup>th</sup>. The Youth Centre is unfortunately out of commission as all the floor tiles have had to be taken up, owing to the damp.

As a member of the working party studying the Newsom Report, I have to be out of school very frequently to attend meetings etc.

25<sup>th</sup> Sept I visited Holnicote Hse with Messrs Dunsby, Newnham & Buck to make arrangements for the first of this season's courses.

29<sup>th</sup> Dr Pritchard showed a film on Smoking.

1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Oct Visit by Westminster students.

16<sup>th</sup> Governors' meeting – Mrs BR Godley was elected Chairman & Ald. T.B. Cooper Vice-Chairman.

19<sup>th</sup> Oct Interview for Hd of English Dept.

7<sup>th</sup> Oct – 4<sup>th</sup> Nov Forty-three boys & girls at Holnicote. Mr W Buck in charge. My staff helping were Mr AP Francis – 10 days, Miss P. Robinson 2 weeks & Miss O Louth – 2 weeks.

22<sup>1st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> I spent a very enjoyable 24 hours at Holnicote conveying staff down & back, & seeing how the work was progressing.

9<sup>th</sup> Nov Meeting of Sec. Mod & Grammar Sch. Heads with the D of E at Lord Williams's Gr School Thame, re the association of schools in this area.

12<sup>th</sup> Nov Open Evening – the largest attendance ever, at least 300 parents inspected children's work etc, & 200 stayed for the meeting afterwards.

17<sup>th</sup> Nov Speech Day – a most successful occasion, addressed by Lady Elizabeth Brunner, J.P. The hall & stage were full. The usual programme was followed, concluding with songs by the Choir & tea in the dining room.

A new Clarke & Smith amplifier was used for the first time but was not powerful enough to do the job well.

Mr P.D. Gresswell, a member of the Governing body has donated a cheque for £60 the interest from its investment to be known & used as the Gresswell prize book(s) for the best annual appraisal of the competitor's village.

We now have 2 special awards – the Fane prize for the boy or girl who has done most for his/her school & the Gresswell prize as stated.

13<sup>th</sup> Nov Mrs Brownlow has had to leave us because her husband, a pilot in the R.A.F., has been transferred elsewhere.

16<sup>th</sup> Mrs K Wells Wells [sic] commenced temporary duty in place of Mrs Brownlow.

20<sup>th</sup> Conference of Housecraft Teachers at Woodstock School Miss Roberts attended.

24<sup>th</sup> Mr J.A. Wrench commenced temporary duty.

26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> The Newsom Report working Party 2 day conference at Charney Manor, where we drew up our recommendations & put them onto a Report!

30<sup>th</sup> Culham students for the day.

Peter Molloy a late pupil who was killed in a motor car accident at Forest Hill Turn on Thurs. [blank] has been remembered by donations both from the school & from the public, totalling £20 [added in pencil] this will be spent on buying a trophy.

10<sup>th</sup> Dec Sherry Party for the staff of this & the contributory schools, held in the Entrance Hall & attended by about 50 teachers.

14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> A week of Festivities.

14<sup>th</sup> Mon Prefects & 5<sup>th</sup> form party attended by Mrs Mills Hd mistress of Holton Park & some of her girls.

Tues Lower School party

Wed Upper “ “

Thurs An evening carol service by a singing & choral choir, mimes, etc of the Nativity, all organised by Miss M Williams. Some 250 parents & friends attended. The collection, together with class Xmas stocking offerings amounted to over £18 which was given to the Oxfordshire Blind.

18<sup>th</sup> Last evening's carol service was repeated for the whole school this morning. This afternoon an excellent series of feature films was shown, after which we broke up for Xmas.

Six Culham students have been here on 5 different days, for the day this term, observing the organization & teaching of the school.

Three other students are here every Thursday afternoon throughout their terms observing & teaching Maths with Mr Green.

## **1965**

5<sup>th</sup> January School reopened. Mr M. Hammett, new Head of English Dept. commenced duty. Mr R.L. Poltock who had taken the subject is now form master for 2A & takes General Subjects in the lower school.

During the holiday, the dining room has had an asbestos ceiling sprayed on & all that block has been redecorated, also the hanging lamps in the hall have been replaced with recessed lights & so the danger of broken glass falling on to anyone has been obviated after 14 years. The front of the stage has also been covered with plastic facings & made to look tidy.

Mr C.R. Beechey is absent through illness for the first time for 14 years.

The playing field gang are making proper long & high jump facilities.

21<sup>st</sup> Jan Students from Westminster College spent the day here, observing the organization & running of the school.

28<sup>th</sup> ditto

29<sup>th</sup> Governors' meeting.

1<sup>st</sup> Feb Three Culham students – 3<sup>rd</sup> year commenced teaching practice until March 26<sup>th</sup>. Messrs Butler, Duffy & Meopham.

5<sup>th</sup> I attended a meeting with the D of E, County Treas, & Chairman of the various L.E.A. subcommittees to discuss unofficial funds, & the audit & supervision thereof.

10<sup>th</sup> A party of 30 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> year pupils attended a dramatic demonstration by the Royal Court Theatre Studio at Lord Williams's Grammar School.

12<sup>th</sup> Feb A party of 1<sup>st</sup> year pupils visited the Ashmolean Museum.

15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Mid-term

23<sup>rd</sup> Mr Twibell, Youth Employment Officer from Saffron Walden spent the day here studying our teaching methods.

8<sup>th</sup> March Ideal Homes Exhibition visited by 4<sup>th</sup> year girls.

9<sup>th</sup> Open Afternoon at Waterperry, Mr Tong Mr Jones & I visited the School to see the horticultural day release classes.

11<sup>th</sup> Girls' Gym Competition at Gosford Hill.

18<sup>th</sup> Boys' " " " " ".

13<sup>th</sup> County Cross Country here – 300 runners.

Certificate of Secondary Education Examinations – the first public exams ever to be taken at this school, have started:-

Tues March 16<sup>th</sup> 2 girls – Cookery

Wed March 31<sup>st</sup> 2 girls – Needlecraft

Others follow from May 10<sup>th</sup>.

25<sup>th</sup> March Thirty-seven parents came to school at 7.30 p.m. to hear a talk by Mr Adams on the proposed French visit at Whitsun. He also demonstrated the Audio Visual method of teaching French.

26<sup>th</sup> County Certificate Expedition, 57 4<sup>th</sup> year boys & girls took part.

The Culham students finished teaching practice today.

30<sup>th</sup> Panoramic photograph 450 in group.

2<sup>nd</sup> April Music Festival in the hall this afternoon with 250 performers from 7 schools. The adjudicator was Mr Robinson Organist of Worcester Cathedral.

Area Youth Drama festival this evening – the school entered a team.

8<sup>th</sup> A German & a French teacher from the areas of our European studies spent the day here.

9<sup>th</sup> Break up for the Easter holiday. Mrs Armstrong left to go to Australia.

27<sup>th</sup> April School reassembled. Miss C Collett a South African teacher trained at Johannesburg took up duty in place of Mrs Armstrong today.

28<sup>th</sup> County Certificate Examinations start today & will go on until Whitsun.

10<sup>th</sup> May The Certificate of Secondary Education Examination first papers were set today & will continue for the rest of the month. 10 boys & 6 girls are our first ever candidates.

5<sup>th</sup> June School closed for Whitsun holiday.

9<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> A party of 15 pupils with Messrs Adams, Tong & Mrs Brooks visited Glaxo in the Franche Comté under the European Studies scheme.

14<sup>th</sup> School reopened. Miss Gange gave the first of 5 Sex lectures to the girls.



16<sup>th</sup> Yardley's Demonstrated [demonstrator] spoke to the 4<sup>th</sup> year girls. Mr Allen is away for a 2 day conference at Charney Manor.

14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> I was absent from school having varicose veins removed.

24<sup>th</sup> June W.R.A.F. lecture by F/O J.A. Judd.

Head masters' meeting at Gosford Hill.

26<sup>th</sup> Grand Fête run by the parents' Committee, also Grand draw for the purchase of a trampoline.

The weather was perfect, stalls & side shows were set up on the quadrangle & there was a continuous list of attractions: - A.C.F. Band, Marching by City of Oxford School Cadets, Headington School Morris dancers, the Mohicans Motor Cycle trick riders, Trampoline Display by Oxford Coll of Technology, Bowling for pig etc & Parents' Cricket match, Teas & Bingo. Some £270 was raised.

4<sup>th</sup> July the first ever examinations when the Hall, dining room & some class rooms were used simultaneously, commenced today until Wednesday. English Maths History Geography Science & French were examined.

12<sup>th</sup> July Schools Musical festival at Northfields [sic].

15<sup>th</sup> Presentation of County certificates at The Town Hall, Oxford. With 32, we were the top school out of 18.

Open Evening when some 700-800 Parents & friends saw a display of work of all sorts.

16<sup>th</sup> A party went to the Royal Tournament. During the past fortnight, I have visited most of the primary schools & the new entrants have visited here.

22<sup>nd</sup> End of Term. We made a presentation to Mr J.R. Allen who is leaving today after 15 years' service, 14 of them as my deputy. He will be sadly missed. At the same time, the following also left for other appointments: Miss O Louth, Miss P. Robinson, Mr G West, Miss Collett & Mr R.L. Poltock.

Talks are now proceeding between the D of E, Mr G. Goodall Hd Master Lord Williams's, Mrs A. Mills Hd Mistress Holton Park, Mr G Chaplin Wenman Thame & myself re reorganization on Comprehensive lines. We have won, for the 1<sup>st</sup> time, the Oxford Schools League Cricket Cup.

The Thamesfield Residential Centre at Henley on Thames is being used for 2 & 3nDay Conferences mostly in the charge of Mr J.V. Jameson Youth Tutor.

The Courses, mainly to do with Growing Up & Adjustment to Adult life, with outside speakers, visits to places of interest & social behaviour & entertainment have been as follows:

20<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> September mixed 5<sup>th</sup> form group with Wenman Thame.

18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Oct Newsom Group.

8<sup>th</sup> Sept School reopened. Roll 433 including 26 in 5<sup>th</sup> form,

New Staff Miss G. Parfitt English & History, Mrs J Bramwell – Needlework, Messrs D Head Lower School Geog. & Gen Subjs, P Kincaid – Maths & Gen Subjs & T R Threlfall – Metalwork & Tech Dr. Mr F. Fox is Acting Deputy Head, pending permanent appointment.

8<sup>th</sup> Sept A full sized Nissen trampoline costing £199 and provided by the P.T.A. has arrived ready to use from the beginning of term.

Five Pupils are being taught to play the Clarinet & one, the violin. Mrs Moore commenced duty as Assistant Secretary.

25<sup>th</sup> County Cycling Proficiency Competition at Kidlington, our team gained 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> place[s].

1<sup>st</sup> Oct Meeting of Annexe Committees Chairmen & Secretaries at Icknield Watlington to discuss general difficulties with regard to the running of the annexes.

8<sup>th</sup> Governors' meeting.

19<sup>th</sup> Primary Film on Maths in the Youth Wing.

29<sup>th</sup> Funeral of Rev. Griffiths at Holton.

Maths Conference attended by Messrs Green Francis & Kincaid, & Mrs Bramwell. Programme had to be rearranged. Films p.m.

28<sup>th</sup> Oct Appointment of new Deputy Head master, over 150 applicants. Long short list of 24 taken to Office & short list of 8 chosen by Director Mr Burton & myself. Interviewing Panel: Mrs B.R. Godley, Chairman, Mr T.B. Cooper Vice Chairman, The Director of Education & myself. Candidate selected Mr J.F. Shepherd B.Sc., at present Hd of Dept at Faraday Sec School Acton.

9<sup>th</sup> Nov Open Evening – 200/300 parents present

11<sup>th</sup> Messrs Tong & Adams at European Studies Conference.

18<sup>th</sup> Demonstration of ADM adding machine costing £45.

15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Careers Convention Oxford Town Hall. Parties of 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> year pupils have visited it, to hear Lectures & see the exhibitions throughout the week.

24<sup>th</sup> Nov Prize Day – distribution by the Rev Trevor Hughes, Principal of Westminster College of Education. A high light of the musical interlude was an ensemble of 4 clarinets – the first woodwind performance by members of the school.

Tea was afterwards served in the dining room.

29<sup>th</sup> Music teachers' Film & Meeting in the Youth Wing.

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec Army liaison film for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> year boys.

8<sup>th</sup> This school is one chosen at random for the Government Social Survey, a cross section of Children & parents, & a dozen staff are being interviewed next term by Mrs Edwards & helpers.

10<sup>th</sup> Fifth form visit to Stratford. Road Safety film.

13<sup>th</sup> In conjunction with the Assoc. of Schools, a rehearsal of choirs of this & Holton Park schools & orchestra of the latter, & Thame Lord Williams's was held here in preparation for the Carol concert on the evening of the 14<sup>th</sup>, a retiring collection was taken for Spastic Children. The concert was very well received.

15<sup>th</sup> Lower school Party which followed the usual pattern of tea & games only 125 pupils however decided to attend.

16<sup>th</sup> Upper school party for 110. Barely 50% therefore, of the roll of 444 were interested in the tradition[al] tea and games, but those who did attend had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

17<sup>th</sup> Break up – a short farewell ceremony to Mr F. Fox who had so ably carried out his duties as temporary Deputy Head for the Autumn term.

## **1966**

4<sup>th</sup> Jan School reopened. Mr J.F. Shepherd B.Sc. commenced duty as Deputy Head & Head of Lower School.

6<sup>th</sup> A Sherry Party was held in the Youth Centre to which Heads & staff of the Primary & Grammar Schools were invited as well as staff from the Education Office.

For some years we have had visiting teachers for instrumental performers, but never with any great success, because there has been no band or orchestra for the individuals eventually to join.

I have therefore decided to spend £350 on band instruments & have commissioned Mr Watkins, visiting teacher for brass, to purchase the necessary instruments for the formation of a brass band. This money will be taken from school funds.

12<sup>th</sup> Jan-9<sup>th</sup> Feb Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Holnicote Course 47 [pupils] 3<sup>rd</sup> year boys, 25 and girls, 22 – about 29 A stream 12 B stream 6 C stream have gone. Staff i/c Mr W. Buck, Mr A P Francis, Miss Bareham & Miss A Roberts. Mr D Head to go after a fortnight with G Parfitt to replace Mr Francis & Miss Roberts.

26<sup>th</sup> I took Mr Head down & stayed one night, returning with Mr Francis.

1<sup>st</sup> Feb Mr Howes took Miss Parfitt who had been ill, & returned with Miss Roberts.

The Course was visited on Feb 6<sup>th</sup> by over 90 parents & friends who had a delightful day in perfect weather.

On their return, an exhibition of work done was arranged on the main staircase & in the library corridor, it was visited by the D of E & his Deputy, & also by members of the Governing body & others.

2<sup>nd</sup> Mr F Taylor, Oxford Fishing expert & broadcaster, came to give the first of 4 lectures in fishing to the Newsom group.

7<sup>th</sup> Feb Culham Students – Messrs Ensoll, Jarvis & Robertson commencing teaching practice for 8 weeks.

10<sup>th</sup> Mr Francis to Bourne End for interview & appointment.

Meetings between the 4 E Oxon Heads continue at intervals to discuss the integration of staff and syllabi.

17<sup>th</sup>&18<sup>th</sup> Mr Shepherd & I attended a conference on Non-Streaming in the Sec School at Thamesfield.

24<sup>th</sup> Feb N. Vallis & A Spittal, winners in the Vospar Road Safety Competition were entertained for the day in London.

25<sup>th</sup> Messrs Francis & Hammett went to Durham with the Oxford Boys Football team.

1<sup>st</sup>&2<sup>nd</sup> Two day visit of H.M.Is: - Messrs Arrowsmith – Maths & General, Graber – English, Hilton French & Music Jennings – History & Miss Rambau Art & R.I.

A written report was not given but a transcript of their remarks ran to 3 foolscap sheets, ending with the following: -

‘The school is extremely healthy & in very good heart.’

4<sup>th</sup> We have today purchased another tape recorder.

C.S.E. consortia meetings are frequently being held.

9<sup>th</sup> County Certificate & C.S.E. examinations have commenced & will continue until Whitsun.

11<sup>th</sup> Mrs Verco, Govt Social Survey enquirer, is interviewing 12 staff & a 10% cross section of the children, this school having been chosen in a random selection.

14<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> National Library Week. Mrs West has taken classes on visits to Oxford College, City Libraries, etc.

This school has won 10 guinea prize for the best entry in the inter school Essay competition, and individual prizes – Marie Woolner (Head Girl) 2 guineas – best essay of all Clive Rickett & Louella Hodges, 1 guinea each.

11<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Messiah rehearsals for the combined schools production. Choirs from Wenman, Holton Park, Lord Williams’s at Holton Park.

25<sup>th</sup>&26<sup>th</sup> Performances of the Messiah at Holton Park & Lord Williams’s Grammar Schools. Both were a great success & we had full houses. The cost ran into the neighbourhood of £100 & we paid just over £5 towards the deficit.

A thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all.

1<sup>st</sup> April End of term.

19<sup>th</sup> Commencement of summer term & the examination season for C.S.E. & County Certificate.

2<sup>nd</sup> May Meeting of Secondary Heads at Witney County Sec School

6<sup>th</sup> Mr RCE Green to interview at Oldham.

10<sup>th</sup> Mr AR Chorlton Director of Education spoke to staff on Reorganization in the East Oxfordshire Area.

13<sup>th</sup> Governors' meeting at which Mr J.F. Shepherd put forward the views of the staff on the effects of Reorganization on their status & prospects, if & when this becomes a Junior Comprehensive School.

19<sup>th</sup> May Sports Day.

25<sup>th</sup> Area Sports at Berinsfield.

30<sup>th</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> June Whitsun Holiday.

7<sup>th</sup> June Miss Gange, Health Visitor, took the first of 5 lectures on Sex education with the 4<sup>th</sup> year girls. She is coming each week.

16<sup>th</sup> Heads' meeting at Witney Sec,

22<sup>nd</sup> Mr Shepherd & I spent the day at the R.E.M.E. College at Arborfield.

27<sup>th</sup> Meeting Boys' PE and of E. Oxfordshire Heads at Wenman School, Thame.

29<sup>th</sup> Official opening of Lady Spencer Churchill College of Education by Lord Avon. Mr Harold Macmillan was also present. I was invited both to the opening & to the Garden Party afterwards.

30<sup>th</sup> 1st years to London.

2<sup>nd</sup> July Our 2<sup>nd</sup> fête in aid of Band Instruments. The weather was very good, attendance average but as it was near to the works holiday we felt that patrons did not spend as much as could have been expected. The Parents' Committee were responsible for the general running, ably assisted & encouraged by the Staff directed by Mr Shepherd & Mrs West.

Balance Sheet was as follows:

Grand Draw receipts	£181-16-0
Expenses	<u>£ 29-5-10</u>
Proceeds	£152-10-2
Fete receipts	£123-8-1
Grand Total	<u>£275-18-3</u>

The Principal Attractions were A.C.F. Band, Daniel & his Lions beat group, Judo & Folk Singers.

11<sup>th</sup> Mrs Cooling H.M.I. spent the afternoon here, in particular she examined domestic Science & cookery being prepared for [blank]

12<sup>th</sup> Open Evening 6.30-9.30 p.m. All the usual attractions of book & practical work etc are shown.

The Brass Band played in public for the first time, under the baton of Mr H Watkins, & was very well received as was trampolining to music etc, the play & the singing.

Altogether an outstandingly successful occasion enjoyed by some 600-700 parents & friends.

13<sup>th</sup> July Thirty-four County Certificates were presented at Assembly this morning by Mrs Godley Chairman of Governors.

14<sup>th</sup> Swimming Gala.

15<sup>th</sup> I accompanied a party of 4<sup>th</sup> year boys to the G.P.O. telephone tower & the Royal Tournament at Earls Court. Other staff – Messrs Green & Francis.

The works holidays commence next week & we shall be considerably reduced in numbers.

18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Attendance is just over 50% & much of the timetable is occupied with routine matters of book sorting reports etc. All afternoons are being used for inter-house & staff games etc.

21<sup>st</sup> July Break up – Mr A.P. Francis who has been P.E. master since 1961 & Miss A Roberts, D.S. since 1964, are leaving today.

5<sup>th</sup> Sept School reopened. Roll 408 – about 30 fewer than in 1965 due to an intake of about 90 – the smallest for several years, & common to the pattern of the area – Wenman Thame also has a small intake. Our 5<sup>th</sup> form also is down to 17 and their ability is considerably below that of last year's 5<sup>th</sup> form, who did exceedingly well in C.S.E. obtaining 35 Grade 1 passes, 33 grade 2, 23 grade 3, 18 grade 4, 5 grade 5 and 3 U.

The best candidates were:

Rodney Glenn            4 Grade 1, 1 grade 2

Jane Bowyer            4 Grade 1, 1 grade 2

Terence Jenkins        4 Grade 1, 1 grade 2

The next 3 obtained 3 grade 1s.

5<sup>th</sup> Sept New members of Staff – Mrs R Jameson D.S. & Mr R Ensoll boys P.E. & Maths.

Mr Green Hd of Maths Dept, is associated with the Nuffield Maths Project & is visiting primary & secondary schools & the new Lady Spencer Churchill College of Education in connection with the modern approach to the subject.

During the summer term he made a film strip & tape recorded commentary on the subject which will be used for teaching purposes both here and elsewhere.

Mr Green has also established a maths workshop in a dressing room behind the stage, & the L.E.A. have [sic] provided tools & equipment for it.

An experiment this year is the unstreaming of the first year intake into 3 mixed ability classes named after the initials of their teachers who will take them for 18 periods per week out of 40, for Maths, English, History & Geography. The classes are approx. 30 in number, & have an I.Q. range from about 100 down to 70.

16<sup>th</sup> Sept Miss A Collett, a Tutor at Leicester College of education came in today to discuss a project & thesis she is preparing on the eleven year old age group.

20<sup>th</sup> Birdseye Demonstration of frozen foods 1.30-3.30 p.m.

28<sup>th</sup> As part of their Social Studies, 4P visited the Wheatley Sewage Disposal works & the new Sear Drum Refuse pulverisor [sic].

29<sup>th</sup> Mr Jameson to Bovington Tank Corps Junior Leaders Regiment for the day.

2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 5<sup>th</sup> year, one day visit to Theatre Playhouse Workshop.

7<sup>th</sup> Governors' meeting.

14<sup>th</sup> Needlework staff to Constance Howard Collage Embroidery Demn. at Kidlington.

17<sup>th</sup> Oct Mr Vines & local Primary teachers met in the Youth Centre to discuss Nuffield Primary Maths. Mr Green was in charge of the arrangements & attended.

19<sup>th</sup> Mr Hill, Warden of O.C.C. Child Care home at Stratton Audley, came to discuss the transfer of 9 pupils to this school from Bicester.

21<sup>st</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> Mid term

1<sup>st</sup> Nov Open Evening for Parents to choose their new Committee, to see books & hear a talk on modern maths by Mr Green. About 250-300 were present during the evening.

4<sup>th</sup> Lexington Ponds Lecture.

9<sup>th</sup> Speech Day – the Prizes being distributed by Miss D Cohen B.A., Principal of the Lady Spencer Churchill College of Education. 2 items in the musical interlude & also God Save the Queen were played by the School Band.

17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> I visited the Royal Armoured Corps Apprentices School at (Arborfield) [sic] Bovington Dorset.

23<sup>rd</sup> Nov Mrs West and I visited the [sic] Arthur Sanctuary House, Sandfield Road, Headington to hear a talk on Opportunities & Requirements of the Nursing Profession.

28<sup>th</sup> Second year girls are going every Monday morning from 10.30 to noon to the Westminster College to form a class for the instruction of Students in the new P.E. methods.

30<sup>th</sup> Royal Navy Presentation team at Oxford Town Hall at 3.0 p.m. A coach load of 4<sup>th</sup> year boys were present.

5<sup>th</sup> Dec Messrs Jones, Hammett & myself attended a Reading Laboratory Demonstration at Littlemore Assoc.'d Schools & I decided to purchase Box No 2A for experimental purposes.

15<sup>th</sup> The Combined Choirs & augmented Band led the Annual Carol Service which was much appreciated by all who attended.

21<sup>st</sup> Dec Break up.

## **1967**

5<sup>th</sup> Jan Mrs James who fell & broke a bone in her foot 3 weeks before the end of last term, returned to full time duty. Both she & Mrs P Brooks however, are pregnant & will be leaving at the end of the term.

The 3 Culham students, Messrs McGrath, Wood, Metal & Tech Drawing, Jennings Maths [and] Renouf English & Art, commenced duty for one term today

19<sup>th</sup> Jan Messrs Surman & Knight met Mr & Mrs Windows here, to discuss again the provision of a layby & turning space for the school buses.

20<sup>th</sup> Miss A Collett examined the first year in connection with a thesis she is doing & also asked their parents to complete a questionnaire.

23<sup>rd</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> Mr G.V. Jameson at Lincoln to be examined by the Advisory Council for the Church Ministry with a view to his entering the Church Ministry.

27<sup>th</sup> Governors' meeting.

31<sup>st</sup> Mrs West, Mr Sternberg and myself to the new City & County Museum at Woodstock.

Y.E.O. visits this week and next.

4<sup>th</sup> Feb I attended a memorial service at Abingdon R.C. Church to Mr R Eggleton who had been here on supply work. Together with another man he washed washed [sic] off the cliffs at Swanage while roped together rock climbing.

10<sup>th</sup> Through the inspiration of the Chairman of the Governors, Mrs B.R. Godley & Mrs Bickmore, the staff were entertained to Sherry etc at Shotover House, the residence of Major A.A. Miller who kindly made available the whole of the ground and first floors for inspection. A very pleasant & interesting time was had by all, & it was remarked that seldom had a school staff been so entertained in one of England's stately homes.

15<sup>th</sup> Feb An overhead projector No 3 Ms & a Kodak Copier – the former from school funds & the latter by the L.E.A., have recently been purchased & arrived today, as did a further microscope, tape recorder & projector.

I have found it necessary to use the waiting room, suitably adapted & lighted, as a recording & duplicating room.

Tonight a parents' meeting attended by just over 100 was held in the hall & the film 'Learning to Live' was shown by Miss G. Gange, County Health Advisor on Sex Education. Miss J O'Donovan was also present as were 10 members of staff who also assisted with the discussion groups held afterwards.

17<sup>th</sup> Feb Newsom meeting at Wenman Thame addressed by Mr Horrocks & Mrs Calver of Littlemore Associated Schools.

20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Mid term.

24<sup>th</sup> One day Conference for the Hds of Sec Schools organised by Reading Inst of Education for S. Oxon & N. Berks, Raising of the School leaving age, at Thamesfield.

27<sup>th</sup> Feb I attended, at the invitation of the Royal Navy, Manadon Science College, Plymouth & Dartmouth Royal Naval College, where I saw all branches of naval Cadet training & was very generously entertained, being honoured by being invited to sit on the high table at dinner on the last evening, between the Principal of Britannia R.N.C., Mr Grey M.A. and Admiral



Ashmore. Nearly 100 sat down to dinner, music being provided by the string orchestra of the Royal Marines Plymouth Division.

4<sup>th</sup> March Curriculum Study Conference at Littlemore Grammar School attended by Mr Shepherd, Mrs West & myself.

6<sup>th</sup> From now until end of term examinations both C.S.E. for 5<sup>th</sup> form & County Certificate, will be held, in order to clear as many practical subjects before end of term, when Mesdames Brooks and Jameson leave us, both to have babies.

11<sup>th</sup> S. Oxfordshire Conservation Association Conference was held here & addressed by John Hay, Enoch Powell, N. L. Sinclair & Chas. Morrison.

17<sup>th</sup> Expedition.

20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 'Carmina Burana' by Carol Orfe [Orff], a Modern German composer was performed with other short orchestral works, in the halls of Holton Park & Lord Williams's Grammar Schools by the combined choirs & orchestra (augmented) of the four schools. This was again a most successful occasion.

22<sup>nd</sup> End of term. Mrs Jameson has maternity leave for the whole of the summer term & Mrs Brooks has left the staff, both are having babies in the near future.

10<sup>th</sup> April Mrs J Douglas (née Woolley) commenced duty as Housecraft mistress temporarily vice Mrs Jameson. A number of supply teachers are replacing Mrs Brooks for this term.

This term the girls of 4P are helping at the Junior Training Centre, Holton Park, 2 mornings per week & at the Merry Bells' Play Group 3 mornings per week.

13<sup>th</sup> Mr Head away on interview.

14<sup>th</sup> Mr Kincaid " " ".

A 3Ms overhead projector & a Kodak Copier have now been provided for the school & the old waiting room has been fitted up to accommodate duplicators etc.

19<sup>th</sup> Today a party of 55 3<sup>rd</sup> year boys & girls – the largest from any school to go for a residential course, have left for Holnicote House, Selworthy. The party are [sic] in the charge of Mr D. Kidd, Miss Bareham, Miss Gray & Messrs Ensoll & Head. Mr Ensoll will return on May 4<sup>th</sup> & he will be replaced by Mr Wrench.

3<sup>rd</sup> May I went to Holnicote for one night. Mr Wrench followed me to Somerset with the new minibus which should prove invaluable with such a large party.

24<sup>th</sup> April The Human relations film 'Learning to live' was shown to the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> year boys & girls, in separate groups. This was followed by discussions led by the class teachers concerned.

26<sup>th</sup> Miss M Edwards was interviewed for a lower school post – accepted same.

28<sup>th</sup> Governors' Meeting, & Army films.

4<sup>th</sup> Drug taking Conference at Berinsfield attended by Mr Shepherd.

6<sup>th</sup> official opening of the New County Library, Holton Park.

17<sup>th</sup> The Holnicote Party returned. R Hillier had an [sic] appendix removed at Minehead Hospital on Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> May. All satisfactory. The Course was a great success, though somewhat marred by bad behaviour, sternly dealt with by Mr Kidd.

18<sup>th</sup> May Mrs EJ Stableforth, an Australian teacher now living at Albury Glebe, Tiddington, commenced supply teaching here today in place of Mrs Brooks.

24<sup>th</sup> Area Sports at Horspath Rd. Ground.

29<sup>th</sup> May-2<sup>nd</sup> June mid-term holiday.

6<sup>th</sup> June Fifth form visited the Houses of Parliament accompanied by some 4<sup>th</sup> years.

7<sup>th</sup> The Stage curtains which have been in use since 1951 have been replaced by a new pair of wine coloured ones. The hessian back & side curtains also replaced by Webbers of Oxford.

22<sup>nd</sup> Area Primary School sports were held here this afternoon in perfect weather.

28<sup>th</sup> June Annual Hd. Masters' meeting at the County Library. I attended the 'Going Down' Ceremony at the Lady Spencer Churchill College of education.

A meeting of parents of the incoming 1<sup>st</sup> years was held at 7.30 p.m. – about 40 attended.

29<sup>th</sup> A meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> year parents to discuss their children's future in the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> years was held at 7.30 p.m., about 100 attended. I gave a statement re C.S.E. & the fact that for the first time in 17 years we are now to be allowed to enter candidates for G.C.E. 'O' level in some specified subjects, those wanting a full G.C.E. course transferring to Littlemore as before. Heads of Departments were then spaced round the hall and met parents to discuss their particular subjects. A very successful evening concluded at 10.0 p.m.

30<sup>th</sup> June-4<sup>th</sup> July As part of the 4<sup>th</sup> year leavers' course organised by Miss Gray, a mini busload & a similar party left here at 9.30 a.m., drove to Holnicote, worked the weekend on forestry clearance etc & returned on Tues 4<sup>th</sup> July, having slept at the Minehead Youth Hostel.

3<sup>rd</sup> Birds' Eye [sic] Demonstration.

5<sup>th</sup> Fifth Form Conference at Witney sec School attended by Mrs West, myself and 11 5<sup>th</sup> formers.

7<sup>th</sup> Area Music festival at Littlemore – our choir attended.

11<sup>th</sup> Open Evening when the school was on show as was our reconditioned mini bus BUD 679B, purchased from the L.E.A. for £250, & completely reconditioned with engine etc. we have also purchased & erected a Banbury concreted garage with hard standing etc. the total cost being about £400 (garage £75). The money for this has come from a grand draw (top prize £25) which brought in about £240-4-0 & cake stalls run by parents on Open Evening £4-18-6, produce & Grocery £4-9-2, Tombola £21-12-0, Concert £13-15-0, Refreshments £6-8-6, Cash donations £53-18-0, Total £345-5-2. Expenses – draw tickets £11-13-0, Prizes £40, Book matches £1-17-6, Balance £291-14-8.

Cost of mini bus £250, Garage £70, Concrete base etc, £24-15-8, Labour £9. Total £353-15-8, outstanding balance paid from School Funds £62-1-0.

We have also purchased a Baths cedar wood Greenhouse for £70 & for this we have built a brick base etc. we also done all the glazing etc, and the staging will be made next term in the woodwork shop.

A teak Garden Seat in memory of Wendy Slatter & suitably inscribed has been purchased for the use of the girls.

12<sup>th</sup> July Fifth form to Marks & Spencer's to choose their uniform for 1967/8 – Girls blue pullovers & grey skirts, boys black blazers, yellow ties & grey flannels.

13<sup>th</sup> Presentation of County Certificates by Mrs BR Godley, Chairman of the Governors. 18 boys & 16 girls gained Certificates – again the best results in the County.

Also, most pleasing results in C.S.E. were obtained: -

23 grade 1 passes

19 grade 2

21 grade 3

22 grade 4

7 grade 5

Two boys, Carter & Quarterman, each gained 5 grade 1 passes.

20<sup>th</sup> School closed for the Summer holiday. The [Cowley] works closing down has badly affected attendance during this week, pulling it down to 50-60%. No school meals were provided.

Mrs J Bramwell & Mr D Head resigned.

5<sup>th</sup> Sept Autumn Term commenced – Roll 425, there being 23 pupils in the 5<sup>th</sup> form & 4 transferred to Littlemore Associated Schools. The intake of 93 was again very low.

Mrs J Robertson (girls' P.E.) & Miss M Edwards commenced duty, the latter taking 1<sup>st</sup> year unstreamed classes – the 'team' for that year now being Miss A Parfitt, Mrs J Stableforth & Miss M Edwards.

Second year is also unstreamed except for Maths, English & Science when the pupils are setted. The 3<sup>rd</sup> year is transitional & 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> have controlled options leading to County Certificate & C.S.E.

The Oxford City & County Museum at Fletcher's House, Woodstock has this term started a Schools Display Service whereby material, suitably boxed & protected, is loaned to schools for up to a month. Our first display will be 'lighting 50 years ago' – lamps, candles etc & dolls' prams.

19<sup>th</sup> Sept The Band of HM 5<sup>th</sup> Inniskilling [sic] Dragoon Guards (30) gave an hour's concert in the hall this afternoon to the whole school & classes from Holton Park & Wheatley Primary Schools. It was a great success & the bandsmen were entertained in the Youth Centre afterwards where they met our brass band players.

21<sup>st</sup> Lectures on Foot Health to 1<sup>st</sup> years.

22<sup>nd</sup> Ponds demonstrator on Good Grooming.

29<sup>th</sup> Mr Seedhouse & Mr Hanson came to discuss extensions to the school costing £97,410 gross, £82,942 net & including a caretaker's house.

There is also to be an R.S.L.A. [Raising of the School Leaving Age] double decker block of 4800 sq. ft. to accommodate the 15/16 year age group in 1970 when there will be compulsory education for all up to 16 years of age.

The long term plan is for a Junior Comprehensive school here for 540 pupils from 11 to 14 years of age.

2<sup>nd</sup> Oct B.C.G. Vaccination.

Fifth year to Playhouse to see 'The Importance of being Ernest'.

3<sup>rd</sup> Concert by trombone trio to 1<sup>st</sup> year & musicians.

4<sup>th</sup> Representatives of East Oxon Sec Schools are now meeting at Littlemore Grammar School as a 'Little working Party' on Newsom.

5<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival taken by Alan Dunston, V. Principal of Wycliffe Hall.

6<sup>th</sup> Governors' meeting.

10<sup>th</sup> School photograph.

12<sup>th</sup> Miss Gange commenced a course on Child Care with 4C girls. This will go on for 8 weeks on Thurs. a.ms.

20<sup>th</sup> Interviews for the Successor to Mr Jameson as Youth Tutor – Mr D Rowen was appointed from the 4 candidates.

23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Mid-term holiday.

7<sup>th</sup> Nov Mr T. White aged 76 made a tape-recording of Life in Wheatley in his boyhood.

8<sup>th</sup> Fifth form attended a Children's Concert at Cherwell School, travelling by minibus.

15<sup>th</sup> Visit to Reading Folk Museum by X section of 4<sup>th</sup> year.

20<sup>th</sup> Nov Cadbury Bros film shown to first year.

22/23<sup>rd</sup> Visits to Chastleton House & Broughton Castle by 2<sup>nd</sup> years.

27<sup>th</sup>-2<sup>st</sup> Dec careers Week at Oxford Town Hall Mr Shepherd, the Head Boy & Head Girl went with me to the opening Ceremony & various parties went also during the week.

29<sup>th</sup> Speech Day attended by all except one of the Governors, and very successful as indicated in the press. Mr Buckley was presented with a shoe scraper made in the metal workshop. An excellent tea was prepared & served by 4<sup>th</sup> year girls under Mrs Douglas' supervision.

1<sup>st</sup> Dec Rugby football posts have been erected and the school is again offering both games.

14<sup>th</sup> Dec The Annual carol Service by the combined schools & Wheatley Primary was again most successful. The offertory of over £19 was sent to Dr Barnardo's Homes.

19<sup>th</sup> Dec The Army & the W.R.A.C. recruiting & liaison officers addressed 4<sup>th</sup> year.

Break up for Xmas. Mr G.V. Jameson, Youth Tutor, left.

## **1968**

9<sup>th</sup> Jan Term commenced. Mr D. Rowan, new Youth Tutor, commenced duty.

10 Snowy weather – poor attendance. A party of 41 3<sup>rd</sup> year pupils should have gone to Holnicote House today but owing to Foot & Mouth Disease the course has been postponed for a fortnight.

19<sup>th</sup> The Youth Centre was booked for today by the Newsom Action Group for the showing of films, but as they did not arrive they will be screened next week.

31<sup>st</sup> The Holnicote party have [sic] at last gone & will return on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Staff under Misses Bareham & Holden & Mr Ensoll for the first fortnight & Mr Kincaid for the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The erection of the R.S.L.A. block for the 15/16 year olds has been delayed on a/c of the devaluation & the economy drive. There was to have been a further planning meeting in Jan'y but everything has now stopped.

6<sup>th</sup> Feb Presentation to R.C.E. Naish at Berinsfield – I have been asked to reminisce.

9<sup>th</sup> Mrs West to Senior Mistresses' Conference at Bath until Sunday night.

13<sup>th</sup> A 'working lunch' attended by Ald T.B. Cooper, Chairman, L.E.A., Ald Howland, Chairman Sec'y, Mrs MacDonald Chairman Primary, Cl. Gadge, member of L.E.A., Mr Shepherd, Mrs West & myself in my room with Mrs B.R. Godley, Chairman of Governors, to discuss again the provision of Changing Accommodation for the Girls – much good was done, & we are very hopeful.

14<sup>th</sup> Feb Police Dog demonstration for 4<sup>th</sup> year.

Simplicity Fashion display.

19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Feb Mid-term holiday

20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Maths Course for Primary teachers at Bicester. Mr Green as a member of Staff. Three Culham Students are with us for the whole of this term.

Mr M Hammett, Head of English Dept is using the Reading Laboratory for the improvement of the reading of slow pupils – this is proving very satisfactory.

6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> Police Lectures to the Newsom Group on Traffic, Dogs & General duties

13<sup>th</sup> Parents' Meeting addressed by Mr F. Fox Patterdale Courses & Miss S Esgate on the 4<sup>th</sup> year finishing course at Bath. Attendance was poor only some 80/90 parents being present at a very outstanding evening thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all who attended.

15<sup>th</sup> One day Conference for Housecraft teachers at Gosford Hill School, attended by Mrs Douglas.

18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> Rehearsals at either Holton Park or Lord Williams's Grammar School, took place at the above schools for the Mozart's 'Requiem' performances at the above schools

on Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> & Fri 28<sup>th</sup> March. Our choir of 28 took part & Miss Williams was associate conductor, although Mr Gilbert was on the rostrum for the performances.

In addition to the 'Requiem', there was a varied programme of vocal, instrumental & orchestra works by the augmented orchestra.

March Practical subject examinations in C.G.E. & C.S.E. have taken place during the latter part of the month.

22<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Douglas took AB girls to the Ideal Homes Exhibition.

10<sup>th</sup> April End of term.

24<sup>th</sup> March Miss Gray, ex-teacher of remedial subjects L.C.C. came in to see Mr Hammett & the reading laboratory.

26<sup>th</sup> I attended a meeting with the Junior Court Panel of Magistrates. A coach of 4<sup>th</sup> year boys visited H.M.S. St Vincent at Gosport.

28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Mozart 'Requiem' at Holton Park & Lord Williams's Grammar Schools in which our choir took part.

9<sup>th</sup> April Constant discussion of plans for the girls' changing accommodation are going on between Messrs Seedhouse, Hanson, Davies (Architect) and Mr Shepherd, Mrs West & myself.

10<sup>th</sup> April End of term.

30<sup>th</sup> County Certificate is being taken by 76 4<sup>th</sup> year pupils – full examination, & 27 are taking one or two subjects. The examinations will be, as usual, commencing after Easter & continuing until Fri. May 17<sup>th</sup>. C.S.E. is being taken by 23 Fifth year pupils.

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> June Whitsun holiday

10<sup>th</sup> For the first time ever, this school entered Candidates for the G.C.E. 'O' level Oxford Board

8 for English

3 for History

A.E.B. 5 for Maths

The Oxford Board Subjects were taken here & the AEB Maths at Littlemore Assoc'd Schools.

The 5<sup>th</sup> form also had a varied programme of activities if they stayed on to the end of term, although those who had obtained employment were allowed to leave. This programme included a visit to Oliver & Gurden's, to Harlow New Town, Cadena Café bakeries, Magistrates' Court at Thame. Village Appraisal for the Gresswell Prize, preparations for the Vth form Conference at Littlemore etc. on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Altogether a very busy ½term.

10<sup>th</sup> June Girls went to the Committee's finishing course at Bath.

18<sup>th</sup> Head Masters' Annual Meeting at the Peers School, Littlemore.

21<sup>st</sup> The Houlton String Trio gave a concert in the hall to 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> years.

I took a minibus load of 1<sup>st</sup> years to Culham College Horticultural Open Day.

25/26<sup>th</sup> I visited HMS Ganges at Ipswich where I saw a former pupil – Belcher who is doing very well there.

26-28<sup>th</sup> School Exams.

1<sup>st</sup> July Fifth form Conference ‘Personal Values in a Changing world’.

3<sup>rs</sup> First year intake Parents’ meeting.

4<sup>th</sup> Primary Schools Area Sports were held here this afternoon.

9<sup>th</sup> Open Evening attended by some 700-800 parents & friends. The proceeds reached £60-12-1, which will be spent on a Loop film projector.

12<sup>th</sup> July Mrs Godley Chairman of Governors presented County Certificates to 36 4<sup>th</sup> year pupils who had gained them & to as many again who had failed one or more compulsory subjects.

Miss Gange has again given 4 sex lectures to 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> years.

1<sup>st</sup> Aug A large number of pupils are going on holiday today.

15<sup>th</sup>&16<sup>th</sup> The last 2 days of term with a percentage of 54.5

The following staff have left today: Misses G. Parfitt & M. Edwards, Mrs J. Stableforth – all first year unstreamed class teachers, & Mrs J. Douglas Home Economics.

4<sup>th</sup> Sept Autumn term. The following new members of staff commenced duty 1<sup>st</sup> year unstreamed classes – the Misses L. Clarke, S. Shayler, Mesdames M Butler & J Maycock, & for Home Economics Mrs E Bedford.

The roll is 445 & of these 55 are in the 5<sup>th</sup> year, the largest number ever & double last years age group. As the R.S.L.A. block has not been built we now have to use the Youth Centre as a 5<sup>th</sup> form home & the Pavilion has been linoed & furnished for a teaching space.

Fifth form are divided into A & B groups & there is a further breakdown for optional subjects.

The organisation this term is

1 <sup>st</sup> year	4 unstreamed classes
2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 “ “ setted for Maths, English & Science
3 <sup>rd</sup> year	3 forms A & B & C
4 <sup>th</sup> year	“ “ the A & B with options except for Maths & English
5 <sup>th</sup>	“ A & B Groups with options as above,

Mr M Hammett, Head of English Dept is absent from school having had his jaw fractured by a cricket ball. Mr A Enver, County Supply Staff, has taken his place.

23<sup>rd</sup> Sept Mr Hammett returned to duty. He has, with the 3<sup>rd</sup> year, initiated an integrated study on Autumn and the Harvest. The subject being English, Art and Music & 6 periods are spent every Monday by 3 groups of just over 30.

27<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival taken by 5<sup>th</sup> form & addressed by the Rev. R. Runcie, Principal of Cuddesdon College, Gifts were sent to many old age pensioners & a cheque for 3 guineas to the Biafra Fund.

14<sup>th</sup> Sept Two dinner time Supervisors commenced duty today to relieve the Staff, they are Mrs Tooley & Miss Oak, both of Wheatley.

1<sup>st</sup> Oct Mrs West and I attended a Conference on County Records at County Hall Oxford.

3<sup>rd</sup> Governors' Meeting.

I suspended [name supplied] in care at Morland House. In the school meals queue he pushed his way to the front, disobeyed the Prefect in charge & was rude to Mrs Tooley. When brought to me, he refused to receive punishment, denying that he had used improper language to the Supervisor. He has therefore been suspended 'sine die' until he accepts school discipline.

20<sup>th</sup> Oct [the offender], having been found intimidating a boy in the village & demanding money from him, was threatened with punishment at Morland House & has absconded. I do not think he will return to this school.

21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Oct Parents' Evening when a new pattern of interviewing was adopted – parents were invited to attend at a given time & were seen at 5 minute intervals from 6.30 p.m. Some 400-500 came & the 'A' stream & staff & 1<sup>st</sup> year unstreamed were very busy. Mrs West with 5<sup>th</sup> form interviewed for over 3 hours, parents were afterwards invited to have a cup of tea & this rounded off a very profitable occasion for all concerned.

20<sup>th</sup> Speech Day, the Prizes being distributed by Lady Thompson, ex-Chairman of the Oxford Education Committee.

The 2 high lights of the occasion were the playing of the 20 strong brass band and the excellence of the afternoon tea provided by the Home Economics Dept.

26<sup>th</sup> Nov Area Meeting re the new Comprehensive Education plan which envisages a Junior Comprehensive School here and a Senior at Holton Park.

The Chair was taken by Mrs BR Bodley, Chairman of the Governors & the Chief speakers was Mr EJ Dorrell. Deputy Director of Education.

Although an audience of 400-500 was anticipated, barely 100 attended, the meeting showed a wide variety of opinion & no vote was taken.

Dec With the continuation summer time, the mornings are very dark and it is scarcely light at 9 a.m. Arm bands of fluorescent material are available at 2/2 each but only 40 have been sold.

12<sup>th</sup> Dec As our social service for Xmas the proceeds from the Collection at the annual Combined Schools Carol Concert on Dec 12<sup>th</sup> were given to a) Dr Barnardo's Homes £19 and b) Help the Aged fund £7-18-0. The usual schools were represented & the blessing was given by the Rev. Gandon, Vicar of Wheatley.



A small subcommittee of staff led by Mr R C L Green also organised the Collection, repair and painting of some 300/400 toys which were mainly given to the Nazareth House Home children at a party given by the 5<sup>th</sup> form in the Youth Centre on Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. The Mentally Handicapped Children also at the Holton Park Training Centre were also recipients of toys.

20<sup>th</sup> Dec End of term, the usual festivities of Carols, Cabaret & film in the afternoon were held.

Mr Hammett Hd of English Dept, & Mrs J Robertson, left the staff to [go to] Northway [Northfield] School & Australia respectively.

The usual end of term festivities were held today – a carol concert with Nativity readings, a Cabaret by staff & pupils, followed by Xmas dinner completed the morning.

The afternoon was fully occupied by the film 'Fireball 500'. The hall curtains have been relined and hung just in time for the film.

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7<sup>th</sup> Jan Mr Darrock, Patterdale Staff has been appointed to be Head of English Dept for the month of January. Mrs P Watson commenced duty also as teacher also, as teacher of English & French for the lower school. French is in place of Mrs Robertson teaching while Miss Shayler has given up some English & Geography & has taken on all the girls' P.E.

10<sup>th</sup> Mr Chance, Playing Fields Supervisor, came this afternoon with Mr Beechey & myself to inspect the waterlogged state of the playing field & to make suggestions as to how the drainage can be altered & improved. The lower part of the field below the oak tree was pipe drained in the early 1950 [sic] but no trace of the outfall could be found in the brook.

10<sup>th</sup> Jan The discovery that a first year boy has been bringing cash to school & giving it to older boys & also that a 4<sup>th</sup> year 'C' stream boy had been threatened if he did not bring £2 to school, has led to a general round up of boys suspected of intimidation & of strong measures to put matters right. This is the first occasion that I have ever had knowledge of this sort of thing happening, and great care is being taken by Mr Shepherd & myself to uncover any suspected cases.

Three Culham students are here for the term on final teaching practice. D. Milner wood & metalwork & TD, J Rowland – Maths & Phys Ed, G Tudor – Art.

17<sup>th</sup> Jan Secondary Transfer meeting at L.W.G.S. Thame when all the Heads concerned discussed numbers to be sent to the Grammar – Holton Pk, Wenman & this school. Matters appear to have got out of hand this year as 71 girls from the area have been recommended to Holton Park & 30 to here which is out of all proportion, primary Heads were asked to relook at their figures so that numbers would better suit the accommodation & that more notice be taken of I.Qs.

27<sup>th</sup> Mr Hewlett, County Fire Officer, tested Mr M Jones of this school, Messrs GR Evans & W Arnold of Wheatley Pr[imary] & Mrs P Ring of the Youth Club, on the minibus & passed them all as fit to drive it.

4<sup>th</sup> Feb Mr Gill of Windmill School Deddington came to see the Science this morning & Mr F Beckley, N.U.T, Area Secretary called to see Mrs West & myself over a recalcitrant girl in the 4<sup>th</sup> year.

10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> G.P.O. exhibition in Oxford Town Hall – parties of 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> year visited.

17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Feb Mid-Term holiday.

25<sup>th</sup> Miss Williams attended one of a series of Conferences on a variety of subjects at Culham College this afternoon – this one on music in Primary & Secondary Schools.

Mr N Seedhouse called to discuss the vexed question of the collection of dinner money by Staff.

26<sup>th</sup> C.S.E. Spoken English.

We have decided to allow the use of the minibus by Wheatley Primary & our Youth Club under a number of condition, the principal being a donation of 1/- per mile & a mileage share of repairs, from now onwards. We have just paid a repair bill of nearly £60 from school funds & the other 2 users have agreed, in future to pay as suggested.

4<sup>th</sup> March Morning conference at Westminster College re Teaching practice.

6/7<sup>th</sup> The school was broken into during the night, the Secretary's Office only being burgled, entry being via the window which was cleverly broken near the fastener. It was apparently an 'inside job' because the thief knew exactly where to look for cash etc.

The list of cash & items etc is as follows: - Ties, Badges etc	17-6
Evening Class refreshments	1-10-0
Eggs sales	16-0
Tuckshop	1-2-6
Postage Stamps	2-1-11
Savings Stamps & cash	5-0-0
Music lesson fees	<u>1-0-0</u>
Total cash	12-7-11
Goods	
Pen cartridges	1-4-0
35 mm camera	14-0-0
Marconi micro and case	5-0-0
Truvox phones	<u>5-0-0</u>
Total	<u>£37-11-11</u>

The Police have taken finger prints etc & we await developments – if any. The L.E.A. will only accept responsibility for items & cash belonging to them.

10<sup>th</sup> March Rehearsals commence today at 4.0 p.m. for the Combined Schools performance of 'King David' by Honniger.

11<sup>th</sup> Every Tuesday this month the Child Care Dept of the County Council are [sic] sending Miss Gange & a nurse to instruct & later examine fourth year girls on Baby Care.

14<sup>th</sup> A party of 4<sup>th</sup> year Girls visited the Ideal Home Exhibition with Mrs Bedford.

18<sup>th</sup> Oxford Science Fair is being held at the College of Technology on 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> July. We have been invited to exhibit & 2 items are to be sent 1) The Go Kart, now 2 years old & made by 4C, & 2) The Moulton Rail cycle made by Peter Alexander, 5<sup>th</sup> form. This is a small wheeled bicycle to which is bolted a framework with flanged wheels which fit the 4'8½" gauge railway. The cycle is then pedalled along the track with the rubber wheels on the steel track.

22/24<sup>th</sup> March 'King David' performances at L.W.G.S. & Holton Park. Our choir of 30 did well & we had one trombonist, Peter Hicks, who played with the mainly professional orchestra. They were very successful performances which were well received. The first part of each programme consisted of an orchestral item & a soloist.

On 3 days during the latter part of this month, I have been in Oxford City, the County & Berkshire moderating 3<sup>rd</sup> year students on their final teaching practice.

28<sup>th</sup> C.S.E. Home Economics & French. 12 boys also walked to Nuneham Court[e]nay manor mansion where they camped in the grounds in very cold conditions in connection with C.C.E. & Duke of Edinburgh award.

2<sup>nd</sup> April Break up for Easter. Mr Shepherd returns today from a fortnight in Germany visiting schools etc.

22<sup>nd</sup> April School reopened, examinations both County Certificate & C.S.E. continue.

24<sup>th</sup> Mr Seedhouse at 10.0 a.m. to discuss plan for comprehensivisation.

30<sup>th</sup> Meeting of parents & Pupils – 3<sup>rd</sup> year who are (the latter) going on a fortnight's residential course to Kilvrough Manor now that Holnicote is no longer available & we have to share with the south of the County. Mr Harrison P.S.A. is in charge of the course & gave a lecture & film strip show of the amenities & beauties of the Gower peninsula where Kilvrough is situated.

8<sup>th</sup> May The Kilvrough party of 38, accompanied by Mr Kincaird from this staff, & Mrs Maycock, left at 9.0 a.m. Mr F Fox and Mr Holmes are replacing them here.

Governors' Meeting at 2.15 p.m. at which Comprehensivisation was further discussed.

14<sup>th</sup> The Director, his Deputy & No 2, Mr Seedhouse, discussed the E Oxfordshire reorganisation plan with the four Secondary Heads concerned, at the County Library, Holton Park at 10.30 this morning.

15<sup>th</sup> Area Sports – washed out so postponed till Fri. 16<sup>th</sup>

16<sup>th</sup> Again washed out after 1 hour by torrential rain.

17<sup>th</sup> Four 5<sup>th</sup> form boys visited L.W.G.S. to discuss transferring there in September.

An 18' high wall, some 44 ft. long has been built on the North side of the swimming pool paving to prevent dust, dirt & lawn mowings being blown into the water. This cost £31-10-0 & is being paid for out of school funds.

20<sup>th</sup> Fourth year girls attended a fashion & fabric parade at Elliston & Cavell's today.

23<sup>rd</sup> A party of 27 – 14 boys & 13 girls left at noon today with Mrs Anson, Miss Williams (Leader), Miss Shayler & myself for Salzburg, where we arrived in exactly 24 hours. The party were [sic] accommodated in a hostel with a glorious view over the city & about 300 ft. up by lift or steps. Conducted tours were made of the City & countryside including a visit to Hellbrunn Palace Berchtesgaden & the Salt mines, the Rittersaal for a concert by a section of the Czechoslovak national orchestra, & the country where the film 'The Sound of Music' was made.

Behaviour was excellent & a good time was had by all, at a cost of £35 per head + £5 pocket money. The Party returned on Sat 31<sup>st</sup> (9 days).

23<sup>rd</sup> May On the day of the departure of the Salzburg party, the Kilvrough contingent returned home after a fortnight only. By the new arrangement & to save cost, we now share this centre with the south of the County, using it for a fortnight only, whereas Holnicote was used for a month.

23<sup>rd</sup> May Break for Whit week returning June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

3<sup>rd</sup> June Continuation of Area Sports on the Horspath Road running track after having been rained off twice before Whitsun.

6<sup>th</sup> June Our school sports, in glorious weather.

The new & long awaited girls' changing accommodation is now in the course of erection adjacent to the quadrangle,

G.C.E. examinations in English, Maths, French, Needlecraft.

10<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Fourth year girls on Bath Residential Course for 2 weeks. Culham Students preliminary visit in preparation for their term's teaching practice 1970.

First year pupils' day out to Henley on Thames, by steamer to Reading, thence to Hampton Court Palace, accompanied by their own staff. The day was marred by heavy rain, particularly during the river trip.

23<sup>rd</sup> Two Lady Spencer Churchill students on teaching practice until July 14<sup>th</sup> – Lorraine Lewis & Jill Taylor.

Fourth year girls' finishing course as last year.

1<sup>st</sup> July Third year Parents' meeting with Heads of Departments to discuss subjects for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> years.

3<sup>rd</sup> Primary Area Sports here.

4<sup>th</sup> Fifth form Conference at Chiltern Edge School, on Permissiveness – 15 of our students attended & a poem by Norman Taylor was so highly thought of that every one of the 500 or more who were there received a copy.

9<sup>th</sup> July Open Evening when we had the usual 800-1000 parents & friends present. The side shows & the Grand Draw realised some £200. A concert of speech, modern dance, trampolining, singing & the Band, concluded a most successful evening.

15<sup>th</sup> Mr Green is away for the week on a Ministry's Maths Course. Mr Harrison & Miss Holness of the Kilvrough staff are here to assist & to meet next year's party.

16<sup>th</sup> July Summer Sports.

17<sup>th</sup> Mr Staples & other Governors to present County & School Certificates.

18<sup>th</sup> Break up for Summer holiday.

Mr P. Kincaid & Mrs P. Watson left, both to teach at Carterton Comprehensive School. Mr Adams also finished duty today, to exchange posts with Mlle M Queinnec, C.E.S. College d'Enseignements, Grand Quevilly, Rouen 76 (Seine Maritime).

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept School reopened. Roll 434 of whom 38 are in the 5<sup>th</sup> form. New staff, Miss B. Charman B. Ed, geog. & Maths, Mr M. Campbell, Geog. & English & gen subjs, Mlle M. Queinnec, full time french [sic], Mlle M Gilbert, part time lower school French. The first year consists of 99 pupils & is divided into 3 unstreamed classes.

22<sup>nd</sup> Mr Griffin, County Films Officer to discuss daylight projection in the classrooms.

18<sup>th</sup> First year visit to St Ebbe's excavations & the Libraries of Christ Church & Merton Colleges.

G.C.E. 'O' Level Results, June 1969

Callen, Wendy	English Lang & Literature
Clarke, Susan	Needlework
Scherkenbeck, Heather	Eng. Lang
Smith, Linda	Needlework
Cox, Alan	French, Eng Lang Eng Lit
Powell, Trevor	Maths
Ring, David	Maths
Taylor, Norman	Eng Lang, Eng Lit, Maths
Wood, Robert	Maths

#### PUBLIC EXAMINATION RESULTS

These are the best the school has ever obtained – outstanding were –

Norman Taylor	6 C.S.E. Grade 1
	3 G.C.E. 'O' level
Trevor Powell	6 C.S.E. Grade 1
	1 G.C.E. 'O' level

Jane Allen

C.S.E. 3 grade 1, 2 grade 2

Christine Watts

3 grade 1, 1 grade 2 & 70 w.p.m. Shorthand (C.S.E.) then 80 w.p.m. (Pitman)

24<sup>th</sup> Sept Harvest Festival Service taken by 5<sup>th</sup> form with the Rev Thompson of Great Haseley as preacher. Flowers, fruit & vegetables were sent to local O.A.Ps. and the Offertory to O.A.Ps' Xmas party - £4-14-3

25<sup>th</sup> School photograph.

29<sup>th</sup> Mrs SE West, Senior Mistress, has been granted sabbatical leave for 6 weeks to study the work of Senior Mistress in all types of secondary schools & to report back thereon to the D of E & to Mrs G. Perry at the University Dept of Education Institute.

Her place has been taken by Miss S Moore who normally is on the P.A.S. & associated with Tregoyd & the Bath Courses.

30<sup>th</sup> Miss Roseveare, particularly associated with Maths project work, called today to see Mr Green.

13<sup>th</sup> Oct The new changing accommodation costing between £7000 & £8000 was handed over for our use today.

16<sup>th</sup> Oct A 'music workshop' was held at Wheatley Primary school 4.45-7.0 p.m. for teachers in the area.

18<sup>th</sup> A Day Course at Peers School for wind players.

The 2 items above indicate the availability of tuition in music. Here, we have peripetetic [sic] teachers of string woodwind & brass regularly teaching for about 2 days a week. This considerably helps the school band.

21<sup>st</sup> Oct The termly Head Masters' Meeting at the Harcourt Arms, Nuneham Court[e]ney.

27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> Oct Mid-term week holiday.

10<sup>th</sup> Nov Three Lady Spencer Churchill students commenced teaching practice for 4 weeks. Mrs Poultney, Misses Bass & Furness.

18<sup>th</sup> McCalls Fashion Show for all girls.

19<sup>th</sup> Speech Day & Distribution of prizes by R.C.E. Naish, Esq., formerly Senior Advisor on Secondary Education. It was a very pleasant occasion particularly as our examination results were the best ever & have been already recorded. The ceremony was conducted by Mr N.A. Staples, the new Chairman of the Governors, the choir sang & the band played, tea & cakes were then served in the dining room. A special casket made in the wood & metal workshops & containing a scroll prepared in the Art room, conveyed to Mr Naish the 'freedom' of the Shotover School & was much admired.

20<sup>th</sup> Mr N Seedhouse No 2 at the Office, again came over to discuss comprehensivisation.

28<sup>th</sup> Patterdale party away for 3 weeks.

1<sup>st</sup> Dec I attended a conference at Charney Manor, re residential education in the future.

2<sup>nd</sup> Parents' Evening, when some 350 came for individual interviews about their children.

5<sup>th</sup> Dec The Royal Marines band & youth visiting team gave an hour's programme of music, films & demonstrations & static displays. They were very well received & afterwards entertained to lunch.

8<sup>th</sup> During the weekend the pavilion was broken into and the 2 QC 2kw convector heaters stolen.

12<sup>th</sup> Holton Park Girls' Grammar School staged 'The Happy Prince', an opera by [Malcolm Williamson] tonight (& Saturday).the Staff of this school were invited to attend after which a wine & cheese party was given to both staffs by Mrs Mills and myself, the Chairman [sic] of Governors of both schools were both present.

The object of the exercise was to 'break the ice' between the 2 staffs & a general 'get together' in preparation for comprehensivisation in Sept 1971. About 40 were present, & the evening was voted as a great success.

The school was entered during last night via a small window in the boys' washroom. The Secretary's office door – both locks, mortise & Yale being broken, was forced & the familiar pattern of larceny was followed, a new camera replacing the one stolen in March, was taken as was the transistor wireless set & also tuckshop & Nat Savings money. The thieves then unlocked my room door with the spare keys found in the Secretary's store room, forced every drawer of my desk & found nothing of value & then left. Neither of the safes was touched.

Mr Beechey, the Caretaker, discovered the damage at 6.0 a.m. & informed the Police, who took finger prints etc, but found nothing out. We await developments.

17<sup>th</sup> the annual carol service & concert in Aid of Dr Malcolm Sargent's Children's Cancer Fund was held tonight, the usual choirs taking part, accompanied by our brass band augmented by players from L.W.G.S.

The evening concluded with coffee & mince pies served in the dining room & it was a very pleasant occasion £19-6-0 was sent to the fund.

18<sup>th</sup> I entertained the Chairman & Mrs Staples, Mr & Mrs Windows & Mrs Godley to school dinner with the Staff. They afterwards watched the cabaret in the hall.

5<sup>th</sup> form party 7.30 p.m. – in the Youth Centre.

19<sup>th</sup> Break up. Mrs Caratti temporarily Head of Dept English & Mr Threlfall metalwork, left today.

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6<sup>th</sup> Jan Three Culham Students for the Spring term, Mr JB Poole, M.A. (Cambridge) commenced duty as Hd of Dept English & Mr I.W. Thompson as teacher in charge of metal work & T.D.

8<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Thirty-nine 3<sup>rd</sup> year boys & girls to Kilvrough, party leader Mr Harrison, Miss S. Shayler went as school member of staff. Twelve 4<sup>th</sup> year girls to Patterdale, this is the first occasion that 4<sup>th</sup> year girls have been to the Lake District.

17<sup>th</sup> Jan Mr Albert from L.W.G.S. came to interview boys for possible transfer in September next.

19<sup>th</sup> Miss K. Green, student from Gloucester College of Home Economics, is here for 4 weeks' teaching practice.

26<sup>th</sup> I spoke at Culham College at a seminar on 'Discipline in the Secondary School'.

28<sup>th</sup> A party of 5 from Birmingham Weoley Area to see the operation of the Youth Centre & Youth Tutor.

29<sup>th</sup> Dental inspection today, treatment next week.

30<sup>th</sup> Mr Poole attended a day Conference on Newspapers in School.

6<sup>th</sup> Feb Mrs Bedford to a day H.E. Conference at Woodstock & Gosford Hill.

16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Mid-term holiday. All this term we are holding meetings with the County Architect's Dept & the L.E.A. staff re the new buildings.

26<sup>th</sup> Form 4A to the Wedgewood factory.

27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Mrs West attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> residential course for Senior Mistresses at Sandywell Pk.

2<sup>nd</sup> H.M.Is. Weedon & Wilding (Science) spent the day here the latter giving particular advice re the layout of the new science block.

5<sup>th</sup> Governors' Planning meeting.

16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> I was out of school moderating Culham Students.

23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Brahms' Requiem was performed by the 4 schools at Holton Park & L.W.G.S. The combined orchestra numbered 100 & the choir, some 250, all went exceedingly well. Rehearsals had been held at both schools for the past 4 weeks. Miss B Jones of Holton directed the music with great efficiency.

25<sup>th</sup> March Break up for Easter.

14<sup>th</sup> April School reopened.

15<sup>th</sup> Mrs Maycock to a day course on Singers Sewing Machines.

County Certificate & CSE & GCE course Examinations are taking place from now until mid-June.

23<sup>rd</sup> 11-14 Maths Conference at Charney Manor.

1<sup>st</sup> May The first Head Masters' Dinner/Dance at Weston Manor.

4<sup>th</sup> The Brian Way Theatre Co for Children did a 2 hour performance in the hall.

Masks 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> year



Faces 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

The School Meals have now 2 innovations 1) The Ticket System whereby every pupil buys & then is responsible for tickets for the week, on the first day of the week – meals 1/9 each and 2) Choice of meal & the cafeteria system.

Both of the above are very successful but Mr Shepherd & I have to be present to control and assist in the collection of the money & issue of tickets.

4<sup>th</sup> May Mr F Fox came this evening to talk to parents of the 5<sup>th</sup> form about Yenworthy and the pupils' course to be held there in June.

8<sup>th</sup> Bath residential course for girls – 6 of our 4<sup>th</sup> year went.

11<sup>th</sup> My Chairman, Mr N Staples & I attended the Holton Park Governors' meeting today.

Mr Shepherd has now taken on the work of Co-ordinator between Holton Park and this school.

12<sup>th</sup> Sec Hds' Day Conference at Nuneham.

20<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> A party of 29 pupils, Mr & Mrs Tong & my wife & myself took a party to Holland – Nordwijck where we had a most interesting and enjoyable time, at a cost of some £35 basic.

5<sup>th</sup> June The Houlton trio gave a performance to the lower school in the Hall.

13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Twenty-four of next year's fifth form at Yenworthy led by Mr Fox & Mrs West.

22<sup>nd</sup> June Mrs Dixon from Lady S. Churchill College for a fortnight's teaching practice.

23<sup>rd</sup> Mrs Brain & Miss Hunter joined Mrs Mills, Mr Shepherd, Mrs West, Mrs Anson & myself to discuss school uniform.

25<sup>th</sup> Senior Mistresses Meeting, County Library at 2.25 p.m.

29<sup>th</sup> Examinations for 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> years

1<sup>st</sup> July Third year Parents' Evening.

2<sup>nd</sup> Area Primary Schools' Sports here.

3<sup>rd</sup> Mr Dent Probation Officer on 'Violence'.

7<sup>th</sup> 3B to Windsor & Syon Hse, Isleworth.

8<sup>th</sup> Presentation AR Chorlton, Esq., D of E., who is leaving to 'direct' in Malawi.

Witney Woodgreen [Wood Green] School

Holton Park Prize Day.

9<sup>th</sup>&10<sup>th</sup> Fifth form Conference at L.W.G.S.

14<sup>th</sup> Luncheon to A.R. Chorlton, Esq by Secondary Heads at Nuneham Courtenay Harcourt Arms. I had the honour of proposing a toast to his health.

Open Evening, the usual displays & activities took place.

15<sup>th</sup> July Day Conference on Curriculum Strategy at the Gulbenkian Lecture Theatre at the new St Cross Building – Mr Shepherd attended.

17<sup>th</sup> Mr Green & I took a party of 4<sup>th</sup> year pupils to the Science Museum S Kensington & to the Royal Tournament.

20<sup>th</sup> The retiring Director entertained eleven ‘old supporters’ – Heads of Schools & Colleges & Organisers to dinner at Charney Manor. I was honoured to be there.

21 RN Clearance Diving Demonstration Team gave a display in the swimming pool.

24<sup>th</sup> Break up for summer holiday. Mr CH Adams who has been here for 9 years & latterly in charge of French, left to [go to] Henley, Gillott’s School & Mlle Gilbert part time Assistante, returned to France.

9<sup>th</sup> September School reopened Roll 452, 37 in 5<sup>th</sup> form. New Staff Mrs B Bainbridge & Miss J Taylor French Dept, & Miss E Sinclair Science & Maths. The 2 latter are direct from the Lady Spencer Churchill College of Education & will be associated mainly with the lower school.

Mr Shepherd now spends .2 of the week coordinating the work of the 2 schools. Mr H Towers is liaising for Holton Park.

There is now a combined committee of Governors who meet Mrs Mills & myself to discuss the integration of Staffs, appointing of Heads of Department etc. this joint subcommittee consists of 8 members, the Chairman & Vice Chairman of each Board and 2 others, the 4 Heads of Sec Schools in East Oxfordshire Mrs Mills, Messrs Chaplin, Goodall & myself are also meeting with regard to the admission of Bucks pupils who live just over the border, to the schools at Thame and Wheatley.

9<sup>th</sup> Two new mobile classrooms have been delivered & will be erected in the course of the next fortnight.

The plans for the major extensions are being prepared by Mr Dutton of the County Architect’s Dept, the provisional cost is £150,000 (approx.).

16<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> Eight 4<sup>th</sup> year girls to Patterdale.

17<sup>th</sup> Area Heads; Meeting re holidays at Holton Pk.

28<sup>th</sup> Owing to staff shortages in the Kitchen the first year pupils are having to bring sandwiches for 1 week.

5<sup>th</sup> Oct Now 2<sup>nd</sup> year for 1 week.

12<sup>th</sup> Back to normal.

15<sup>th</sup> The Heads of the Secondary Schools in the East Oxfordshire area met the Director, Mr Seedhouse, & Mr Rose (from Bucks) to discuss the admission of the Worminghall Crendon area children to the Shotover & Wenman schools next September.

20<sup>th</sup> Joint meeting of Shotover/Holton Governors’ subcommittee.

Head Masters’ meeting at Nuneham.

Oct 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> Mid-term holiday.

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Nov Geog teachers' weekend course at Charney Manor, Mrs Buczacki attended.

9<sup>th</sup> Nov Two students from the Lady Spencer Churchill College commenced teaching practice.

Miss M Burnett History Art Maths

Miss J Farrer Science English Hist etc.

The latter did not survive the course & was transferred to a Primary School after a fortnight.

12<sup>th</sup> Nov Careers Teachers' Conference at Holton Park. Mr Rowan, Mrs Butler & Mr Shepherd went.

18<sup>th</sup> Speech Day Mr C.J. Peers presented the awards. This being the 21<sup>st</sup> year of the school's life, my report covered the history of the school since 1950.

19<sup>th</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Dec Patterdale boys' course.

23<sup>rd</sup> onwards finals rehearsals & presentation of 'Oliver' by a combined cast of 103 drawn from the Pupils & Staff of the 2 schools on Nov 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.

Over 1000 patrons saw the show which was very well received. The Director of Ed'n & many V.I.Ps. being present.

26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> After the payment of all expenses a balance of £132 was equally divided between Holton Park & this school. Miss M Williams, music mistress was the producer as will have been seen in the programme and expressions of praise came from all sides. Although a total cast of 103 had to be dressed not one penny was spent on the purchase of materials or the hire of costumes. The Needlework Dept did everything.

30<sup>th</sup> Third year visit to Sudeley Castle & the Worcester Porcelain factory with Mesdames Kendall & Buczachi.

4<sup>th</sup> Dec English & Drama workshop in the Hall directed by Mr G Gould, Holton Park, Harlow & L.W.G.S. & Wheatley Primary School all sent groups.

15<sup>th</sup> Autumn Audit by Mr Ballard & staff from O.C.C Treasurer's Dept.

16<sup>th</sup> Annual Cross Country.

17<sup>th</sup> Dec Xmas Festivities commenced with Xmas Dinner followed by a Carol Service of lessons, readings, mime & singing.

18<sup>th</sup> An excellent Cabaret was organised & run, this morning, by Messrs Tony Green & Howes & the Mises Shayler & Williams. This was much appreciated by all. In the afternoon a discotheque by Mr Ensoll was held in the hall. NB On the 17<sup>th</sup> I entertained the staff to Sherry, followed by Xmas Lunch in the Home Economics Room, attended also by the Chairman & Mrs Staples & Vice Chairman & Mrs Windows.

Break up for Xmas. Miss Shayler who has been here for 2 years & one term, leaves today to take charge of P.E. at a Girls' Comprehensive school in London, a Grade B post.

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5<sup>th</sup> Jan Term started, Mrs Boulter from Sonning Common is coming in for 3½ days per week & Mrs Colley 1½ days per week to take Miss Shayler's place until a new appointment is made.

Three Culham students commenced teaching practice.

Comprehensive Reorganization is continuing to be anticipated. The subject staffs are meeting this term and with Mrs Mills & myself analyzing [sic] requirements of proposed syllabuses, text books, timetables etc. they will then work as a team & report back to us.

12<sup>th</sup> Jan Joint Staff meeting at Holton Park. A large deep freeze unit has been installed in the H.E. room.

19<sup>th</sup> Second year parents' evening to see Staff & discuss progress of pupils.

26<sup>th</sup> Fifth year parents' evening.

27<sup>th</sup> H.M.I. Miss Hughes paid an introductory visit.

28<sup>th</sup> Governors' meeting at which the refreshments were taken from the deep freezer.

2<sup>nd</sup> Feb I attended the Holton Park Grammar Governors' meeting.

3<sup>rd</sup> Dental inspection & treatment.

Primary Hds termly meeting held here with Mrs Mills & myself.

17<sup>th</sup> Miss Berry started Phys Ed T Prac.

22<sup>nd</sup>&23<sup>rd</sup> Third year meeting.

1<sup>st</sup> March Interviews for Head of Science for the new Wheatley Park Comprehensive School at Holton Park this afternoon. Under the new arrangements both Heads are involved in major appointments with a subcommittee of Governors of the two schools.

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Mr Green helping with the Primary Schools maths course at Bicester School.

5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Senior Mistresses Conference at Thamesfield with a reception for Head Masters on the first evening.

10<sup>th</sup> Mrs West to City & County Museum for a seminar on History.

12<sup>th</sup> Mr Poole to Charney Manor conference, 'Towards the new 5th form'. Certificate Examinations are commencing & will continue too the last week in May, as will C.S.E.

I am, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> & last year moderating Culham students on their last teaching practice.

29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> March Combined Schools Musical festival at Holton Park & L.W.G.S. in the evening at 7.30p.m. Fauré's requiem was the chief work, but there were outstanding solos & concerto work.

6<sup>th</sup> April School Photograph.

7<sup>th</sup> Break up for Easter.

There has never been such a term for meetings, over 30, having been held mainly in connection with the amalgamation and comprehensivisation of the 2 schools.

27<sup>th</sup> Summer Term commences.

3<sup>rd</sup> May Miss Cartwright, a student from The Lady Churchill college commenced teaching practice till 11<sup>th</sup>. Many staff are attending consortium meetings for C.F.E.

11<sup>th</sup> May Oxford Playhouse Group performed 'Edgehill 42' for about 80 second years who thoroughly enjoyed it.

The programme for integration continues, the foundations of the new buildings are laid & the brickwork well started.

Staff appointments proceed and there is much discussion between the two schools.

24<sup>th</sup> May Visit to Burnt Mill Comp School Harlow New Town Essex, by Mrs Mills, Mrs Brain, Messrs Proctor, Shepherd, Towers and myself – a most interesting & profitable day.

25<sup>th</sup> Meeting with Primary Heads, + 2 from Bucks – Oakley & Ickford, re record cards & what we expect to know about pupils transferred at 11+.

30<sup>th</sup> May-4<sup>th</sup> June Whit week mid-term holiday.

17<sup>th</sup> Next year's 1<sup>st</sup> year parents' meeting –80-100 attended.

30<sup>th</sup> June Primary Schools Concert in the hall.

1<sup>st</sup> July Combined Governors' meeting here.

5<sup>th</sup> The Oxfordshire ensemble played to 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> years' parents from Oakley, Worminghall & Ickford.

7<sup>th</sup> Open Evening when the usual crowd of parents & friends saw the bookwork of the school, watched a varieties concert in the hall etc & viewed the new school uniform, badges & the like.

10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> A first year party of 24 with Mesdames Buczacki & Kendall & led by Mr F Fox spent a most interesting & useful week at Yenworthy. They travelled by minibus & Mr Howes & I assisted as drivers.

19<sup>th</sup> July Combine Staff Meeting - Holton Park & Shotover Schools.

21<sup>st</sup> End of term, the following members of Staff left: -

Mr J Poole English, Mrs B Buzacki [sic] Geog, Miss J Taylor French, Miss M Williams Music & Mr J Holmes – supply for 1 term.

8<sup>th</sup> Sept A milestone in the School's history, although still a separate entity, we now become the Lower school & Holton Park the Upper, of Wheatley Park School.

We have our first comprehensive intake of 156 pupils who are divided into 6 forms of 26, unstreamed. 2<sup>nd</sup> year is now 4 forms who total 102.

3<sup>rd</sup> year is now 97, 4<sup>th</sup> year 45 who will leave at Easter or Summer 1972, 5<sup>th</sup> year 29 in number, who have stayed on for C.S.E. or G.C.E.

We have transferred 77 4<sup>th</sup> years to Holton Park & they will stay for 2 or more years there.

Although staff are attached to the 2 schools as before. 17 interchange during this week & the boys & girls return here for Practical Subjects and games.

We have now 4 mobile classrooms here, adjacent to the Pavilion pending the completion of the Humanities, Art & Science blocks, V.A. Theatre, Library & Music Centre which should gradually come into use from Jan'y 1972.

New staff this term:

Mr W Brooks Music, Miss T Jackson, Girls' P.E., Mr T Lothian English, Mrs S Sagar French, Miss A Thistlethwaite, Geography & Miss S Welch General Subjects, 4 of these are probationers.

### 1971 C.S.E. Results

36 5<sup>th</sup> year students took the exams, gaining 37 +3 grade 1s ('O' level equivalents). The best candidate was Ruth Gidney, 5 grade 1 & 1 grade 2, followed by Angus MacKay & David Davis 4 grade 1s, 2 grade 2s.

G.S.E. Results Eng Lang 2, Maths 1, Needlework 2, Art 7, including Christopher Mynheer entered under age & who is now at the F.E. College doing a pre-Diploma course.

Best candidate Ruth Gidney – Maths & English.

We have admitted this term, for the first time, pupils from Ickford and Oakley Primary Schools in Bucks, 17 in number, these will be the forerunner of a sizeable intake in the future.

25<sup>th</sup> Sept C.S.E. Conference at Gosford Hill,

30<sup>th</sup> Governors' meeting.

1<sup>st</sup> Oct Harvest Festival conducted by 5<sup>th</sup> form, with readings from various other classes & a sermon from the Rev. Brazier, Vicar of Wheatley.

7<sup>th</sup> Tempest Photographer, individual & class groups.

11<sup>th</sup> Miss Salter H.E. student from Gloucester to observe.

15<sup>th</sup> Mrs West to Cornwall to Senior Mistresses Conference.

21<sup>st</sup> 4G to Portsmouth Dockyard to see the work of the W.R.E.N.S.

23<sup>rd</sup> Party of 44 to Kilvrough ~~until~~ the 23<sup>rd</sup>-5th Nov. Mr Wrench in charge & Mrs Bainbridge as member of staff.

25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Mid-term break.

The Caretaker's bungalow is nearing completion & the post of Head Caretaker designate has been advertised, 24 applications were received.

3<sup>rd</sup> Nov I talked to the Academic Board of Culham College on the Process of Moderating from the point of view of a secondary Head Master.

5<sup>th</sup> Interviews for the appointment of a Head Caretaker designate, 5 were called, one withdrawal on the day & one did not present himself. Mr M Thairs 52 of Rye Sussex where he had a similar post was appointed & will commence duties before the end of term.

1<sup>st</sup> Dec First year parents' individual interviews with class teachers, of the 156 eligible to attend 120 to 130 did so and a very profitable evening was had.

10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Holton Park opera 'Marriage of Figaro'.

14<sup>th</sup> Dec The Staff of Holton Park entertained the staff of this school to wine & cheese this evening.

15<sup>th</sup> A carol service was held this evening at 7.30 p.m. Our 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> year choir of 80, & Wheatley Primary Choir of 60 performed & there were various audience carols as well as a French play by 1<sup>st</sup> year pupils on the Nativity. Mr W Brooks & Mrs Coleman music masters of the respective schools were in charge. A retiring collection realised over £19 & was sent to the Malcolm Sargent Children's Cancer Fund. Coffee & mince pies completed the evening.

17<sup>th</sup> End of term – a carol service of 9 lessons, Xmas Lunch & a film completed the day. Mrs L Kendall left to [go to] Leicestershire.

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5<sup>th</sup> Jan Term started & Mr J Battershell, history & humanities commenced duty in place of Mrs Kendall.

Two Culham students commenced teaching practice for the term.

R.S.L.A. courses are being run at Holton every week during this & the summer term in preparation for 1972-73 & are being attended by Mr Shepherd, Mrs West & Mr Rowan.

26<sup>th</sup> Clark & Smith survey of Science lab preparatory to turning it into a language lab.

27<sup>th</sup> Governors' meeting, 2.15 p.m.

Fifth form parents came in this evening to discuss the progress & attitude of their sons/daughters.

1<sup>st</sup> Feb Holton Park Governors' meeting.

7<sup>th</sup> F.E. Tutors at Icknield Watlington.

8<sup>th</sup> Heads' Day Conference at Nuneham Courtenay.

19<sup>th</sup> Joint subcommittee of the Governors of the 2 schools, here.

14.15 Mid-term.

Power cuts due to the Coal Strike will be experienced at specific times from now onwards. We are also without our normal coal & having to burn coke singles which does not give the necessary heat. All evening classes cancelled.

18<sup>th</sup> Feb Sunny Smiles presentation of cheques at Oxford Town Hall, we sent £96.48 which was second highest total & there is more cash still outstanding.

21<sup>st</sup> Miss S. McGowan, student from L.S.C., commenced 4 weeks' teaching practice.

22<sup>nd</sup> English meeting with Primary Heads at Holton Park.

1<sup>st</sup> March Mr Shepherd Mrs West & Mr Rowan attended a Day Course in Humanities for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> years at Charney Manor.

2<sup>nd</sup> The funeral of Diana Williams of 4 The Old Green Horton cum Studley and Head Girl of the school, took place at the church at 3.0 p.m.

Diana had been absent for nearly a fortnight, with influenza returning to school on Monday Feb 21<sup>st</sup> and being here till Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> taking her CSE orals in English. On Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> she stayed in bed, was seriously ill by the evening, was rushed to the Radcliffe Hospital & died on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> afternoon, of Leuk[a]emia.

The school was represented at the funeral by 10 fifth form, Mrs West, Mrs Anson & myself. Sqn Ldr & Mrs Windows (Vice Chairman of Governors) were also present.

So far just over £20 has been given towards a memorial to Diana, of this £6 was spent on school & 5<sup>th</sup> form wreaths, the rest being put towards the cost of a teak park seat which will be put in the newly paved quadrangle for the use of the girls.

Diana's sudden passing was a great loss to the school, she was exceptional as Head Girl & had great potential for C.S.E & G.C.E. this summer. May she rest in peace.

10<sup>th</sup> March Clarkes Shoe lecture.

Mrs Mills, Mr Shepherd & I met the Heads of the contributory primary schools to discuss a number of common problems including maths.

Mrs Perkins to the Treasurer's Dept to learn of the new method of ordering and accounting consequent upon our joining the Berkshire supplies for materials & stationery scheme for 1<sup>st</sup> April next.

22<sup>nd</sup> March PTS committee meeting when a scheme for enlarging the swimming pool was discussed and ways & means of raising up to £12000 (as the Architect) suggested. I promised £450 from school funds as a start & it was decided to organise a Sponsored Swim at Blackbird Leys Swimming Pool on Sat June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

23<sup>rd</sup> March The staff of Shotover School entertained our colleagues from Holton Park to P[blank] & wine in the new Library this evening. It was a very happy & worthwhile occasion.

27<sup>th</sup>&28<sup>th</sup> St John's [sic] Passion was performed by the combined choirs of Holton Park, L.W. School & Shotover at Holton Park on the 27<sup>th</sup> & L.W. School on the 28<sup>th</sup> supported by the school orchestras augmented by friends & professional colleagues. It was a very successful performance, enjoyed by everyone.

29<sup>th</sup> March End of term. Mr Ensoll, Boys' P.E., left after 6 years with us.

19<sup>th</sup> April School reopened. Mr A Powlesland taking the place of Mr Ensoll, Boys' P.E.

5<sup>th</sup> form are in full strength & preparing for C.S.E. & G.C.E. They will be the last group to take these examination from this school, and although of average ability have worked exceedingly conscientiously and well. They have also been a very cooperative band of prefects, giving a lot to the school.



Mrs S.E. West, Senior Mistress, has taken a term off duty for maternity leave & is expecting a baby at the end of June,

Mr T Roberts is supply for the term & is in the main carrying out her duties.

Mrs S Welch is also pregnant & will probably have to leave us at the Whitsun break as she has had many absences last term, owing to a difficult pregnancy.

Mrs Mills and I have spent much time of late interviewing candidates for the various & many vacancies now occurring in the joint schools in September.

20<sup>th</sup> April The P.T.A. committee met tonight to organise the sponsored swim.

2<sup>nd</sup> May The Oxfordshire branch of the H.E. teachers held their AGM in the new Library which together with A.V.A. theatre has been available for use, since the beginning of term.

4<sup>th</sup> Shotover Governors' meeting at 2.15 p.m.

11<sup>th</sup> H.E. & Light Crafts Conference at Thamesfield, Mrs Bedford attended.

12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Joint P.T.A. meeting at Holton.

26<sup>th</sup> School closed for Whitsun.

5<sup>th</sup> June School reopened.

3<sup>rd</sup> June A sponsored swim organised by the Parents' Committee was held at Blackbird Leys swimming bath from 9.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m.; 75 swam including the Head master & a total of over £250 was collected towards the proposed extension to the pool. Mr J Trinder, Chairman of the P.T. A. made the arrangements and Mr RCE Green was treasurer.

6<sup>th</sup> June Heads' meeting at Nuneham Courtenay transferred to the Henry Box School Witney as we could not be accommodated at the Harcourt Arms.

12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Main School examinations N.B. C.S.E. Examinations were held here in the new library from the beginning of term. This will be the last time as this is the last 5<sup>th</sup> form at this school. G.S.E. subjects were similarly taken.

20<sup>th</sup> I attended the Lady S Churchill College Commemoration Celebrations.

27<sup>th</sup> 195 new pupils are expected next term & the majority came with their Parents to a 1<sup>st</sup> year parents evening tonight.

28<sup>th</sup> Our Annual Athletic Sports were held today in beautiful weather. This has been the last occasion, Mr B Torrens Burton presented the Turner's Motors inter-house challenge shield which he as Senior Partner had given to the school in June 1951. Other visitors included Mr N Staples, Chairman of Governors, Mrs Mills & Mr E Noel Smith Chairman of Holton Park Governors.

29<sup>th</sup> Joint Governors' last subcommittee.

6<sup>th</sup> July The last Open Evening before the school becomes part of Wheatley Park. Owing to the extensive building operations in progress, & the huge amount of new furniture & equipment being constantly received & having to be stores, it was impossible to hold the normal displays

and exhibitions. However, a large number of parents & future pupils were able to see the displays of book & practical work, on a fine evening.

7<sup>th</sup> The Secondary Head masters entertained my wife & myself to dinner at the Dorchester Hotel Woodstock this evening, to mark our retirement.

11<sup>th</sup> July Mr B.E. Day, Deputy D. of E. came this afternoon to say Farewell.

12<sup>th</sup> I attended the Abbey School Berinsfield Speech Day this afternoon.

Also the Holton Park Open Evening & Prize Distribution.

13<sup>th</sup> Mr Milbank conducted the North Oxfordshire Schools concert Band in a one hour's concert in the Hall this morning, before an audience of 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> year pupils & 50 from Holton Park.

The last combined Staff meeting of Holton Park & Shotover Schools was held in the library (new) this afternoon.

14<sup>th</sup> A grand Farewell Party organized by a committee of the staff, chaired by Mr J.F. Shepherd, & consisting of Mrs S. West, Mr R. Howes (Treas), Mrs M Butler, Mrs Bedford, Mr H.S. Tong & Mr J Battershell was held at 7.30 p.m. in the Hall tonight in honour of our Retirement.

The party of some 220 included Mr N Staples (Chairman) & the Governors, The Director of Education Mr E.J. Dorrell, his deputy, Mr B.E. Day, Mr I McKenzie, & all the Secondary School organisers, Mr R Chard County Sec N.U.T., Mr H Pooley Teacher Rep., Mr N Scroton, Retired Head of Grimsbury Sec School for whom I was Senior Master 1932-35, 2 Principals of Colleges of Education, Primary Heads of the Catchment Area, former Staff & very many old pupils, Parents & friends including Mr & Mrs CR Beechey, Caretaker since 1950 & Mrs R Smith, also, a cleaner since 1950.

After refreshments & a buffet meals including wines, the D of E, the Chairman of the Governors, Mr Chard & Mr Shepherd all spoke & the Chairman presented from the Governors an electronic clock, suitably inscribed, & Mr Shepherd a tape recorder, a leather handbag to Mrs Anson, and a standard Fuchsia & £10 worth of record tokens from everyone else. Mr Chard presented a cheque from the County Association N.U.T. & we also received a beautiful pot of yellow chrysanthemums from the F.E. Ladies Keep fit class.

We both, I trust, suitably replied & Mr N.A. Scroton very wittily brought the proceedings to a very happy ending.

May I record that we were both very highly honoured, very moved & very grateful for all that was said & done for us on that magnificent occasion which we shall always remember. In particular, may I thank Messrs Shepherd & Howes & Mesdames West & Butler who led their committee so ably & well.

17<sup>th</sup> Today marked the beginning of the Works holiday, and in consequence a large number of pupils are absent from school – the attendance being some 60%. The next 3 days will largely be spent in clearing up & moving furniture & equipment from the old building to the new, in particular the science & art departments will be involved.

17<sup>th</sup> this evening a concert was given in our hall by music pupils from both schools who had been learning to play instruments during the past 12 months or more. There was an attendance of some 80 parents & friends, the very pleasant evening being arranged by Miss Jones & Mr Brooks.

18<sup>th</sup> The Staff & their wives, husbands & others! & myself to dinner at Weston Manor. Other guests included Mr & Mrs Staples, Mr & Mrs RCE Naish – ex secondary organiser for the County, & Mr & Mrs JR Allen who was my Deputy 1951-1965. It was again a memorable occasion much enjoyed by all & particularly by Mrs Anson & myself. We were given a pottery fruit bowl, upon which all the staff had signed their names & these had been fired in, by Mr Sternberg. Mrs Anson also received a beautiful basket of flowers.

We were exceedingly grateful for this happy family party.

19<sup>th</sup> End of term.

We entertained the Staff to a champagne party in the new Library after school & afterwards the caretaking staff similarly.

The following staff left us today: Mrs Evans, part time teacher of commercial subjects & before that school secretary since 1955, Mr Campbell Geog, Mrs Bainbridge French & R.E., Mr Brooks Music, Mr Rowan Youth Tutor (to the upper school R.OS.L.A. group) Mrs Sinclair Maths, Mr T Lowthian English (did not finish the term), Mrs Welch who also left us earlier & Mrs Moppett who temporarily replaced her.

Although I do not officially retire until Aug 31st, and there is, of course, a great deal of clearing up to be done during the holiday, this is really the ending of my teaching career of 43 years & 2 months – 37 of them as a Head Master – 15 at Rotherfield Nr Henley on Thames, & 22 here, where I have seen the first post war Secondary Modern School to be opened in the County establish itself & then with the passage of time, gradually be absorbed as the lower school of the Wheatley Park comprehensive.

31<sup>st</sup> Aug May I wish Mrs Mills & her staff every happiness & success at the Wheatley Park School.

F.C.E. Anson.